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Celebrations, Fame And Family

THE WASHINGTON College community officially opened the school year with great fanfare. Nobel Laureate Glenn Seaborg, on campus to accept his fifty-first honorary degree at Fall Convocation, signed copies of the Periodic Table of Elements, right where his namesake element will appear as soon as the printers catch up with the decision of the Commission on Nomenclature of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry. Michael Heyman, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution impressed a standing-room only audience with his thoughtful remarks about diversity and compromise. The presence of either of these two honorees alone would have made for a memorable occasion. But added to this mix was the excitement of actor Larry Hagman (aka "J.R. Ewing") and his sister Heller Halliday invoking the memory of their mother Mary Martin as they presented the first annual scholarship award in her memory.

As we say in our Convocation coverage (pages 2-3) all "the stars came out" that night and the excitement was palpable. But when the occasional bright light of celebrity touches our campus, we also feel the poignancy of a 215-year existence that has flourished mostly in the absence of glitz and glamour. In a world where media attention seems to dictate what has significance, Washington College serves as a quiet reminder that the pursuit of knowledge and personal growth yields meaning that changes lives and spans generations even in the absence of the limelight.

The Alumni Office hopes this year's Legacy Day will call attention to that cross-generational experience of a Washington College education. This "Celebration of Washington College Families" will bring alumni and their children or grandchildren together with current students and their families for a full day of discussion and festivities. Our particular tribute is the first in what we hope will become a series of profiles of "Legacy Families" (see page 11).

If you've noticed that this Fall issue is reaching you a little later in the year than previously, you should know that we have changed the publishing schedule for the *Washington College Magazine*. We will produce three regular issues throughout the year, with the fourth issue replaced by an annual report. We will schedule these issues to bring you more timely coverage of campus events as well as expanded coverage of alumni activities and Class Notes.

For an even fuller look at what's been happening as well as what is coming up, go to the Washington College Home Page at www.washcoll.edu. There you can see Reunion photos, campus calendars, sports results or you can take part in our first-ever CyberReunion on October 23 (see page 26).

Most of all, keep us posted. As much as we want you to know what is happening here, we want to know what is going on where you are now. After all, Washington College is alive and well in all our hearts, and not just happening in Chestertown.

—MDH

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In the story on the donation of a James Wyeth print in the Summer 1997 issue, Washington College Trustee Emeritus Thomas J. Maher was inadvertently omitted from the list of contributors.

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Heyman, Seaborg, and Hagman: The Stars Come Out For Fall Convocation

PHOTO: DIMITRI FOTOS

At Fall Convocation Michael Heyman encouraged students to respect all points of view. A "civil and just society" can be achieved through mutual respect and compromise.

WASHINGTON College celebrated "the best and brightest" at Fall Convocation in Tawes Theatre, where a standing-room only crowd came to hear Smithsonian Secretary Michael Heyman, to honor Glenn Seaborg, one of the world's greatest scientists, and to catch a glimpse of actor Larry Hagman and his sister, Heller Halliday, on campus to present the first Mary Martin Drama Scholarship Award in honor of their mother.

Heyman, former Chancellor of the University of California at Berkeley, congratulated Washington College students on their campus publications and the quality of debate of what he called a "fundamental question for our society: the experience, the challenges, and the hope of diversity at the end of the 20th century." He encouraged students to continue the dialog and "to keep working at programs that acknowledge differences and injustices, that applaud the best in all of us, that recognize aspirations and allow people their best shot at realizing them.

"We have to find ways to live together," Heyman said, "and not only that, also to appreciate what we each bring to the national mix.... Real inclusion is to see American society not as a zero sum game, with one community, one point of view gaining at another's expense. The key to our future is to broaden the definition of who we are as a people, to honor our differences, not to replace one narrow definition with another."

He received the honorary Doctor of Law degree. Glenn Seaborg (see story on page 3) received the honorary Doctor of Science degree.

Visions of Hollywood sparked Mary Hoffman's aspirations for a successful dramatic career, as Larry Hagman invited the senior drama major to join him on stage to receive the first Mary Martin Award, established by Matt Weir '90 and his wife, Ann, to honor Matt's grandmother. "Matt's a great guy," remarked Hagman, "and I enjoy the fact that he is giving this scholarship for actors, because they never get a hand up. From what I've seen today, this lady deserves it."

Heller Halliday, who as a child had performed with her mother, remembered the spirit of her mother and applauded her son's generosity in supporting the arts at Washington College. "He told me he wanted to do this to honor his grandmother and because Washington College did such good things for him."

PHOTO: DIMITRI FOTOS

The family of actress Mary Martin presented Mary Hoffman '98 the first Mary Martin Drama Scholarship award. Here for the occasion were (clockwise from top left) Maj Hagman, Larry Hagman, Bromley DeMeritt, Heller Halliday, Mary Hoffman, Matthew Weir '90, and Ann Weir.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Glenn T. Seaborg: The Man Behind The Element

Who knew that scientists had a sense of humor? In an informal session with students before Convocation, Nobel Laureate Glenn T. Seaborg answered questions about his scientific discoveries that have revolutionized the world with impact on space exploration, medicine, and the nuclear generation of electricity. The 85-year-old Seaborg, who holds patents on 43 chemical processes and who has discovered more elements than any other person, told the story of how his Element 106 came to be known as "seaborgium."

As a tribute to the great scientist, his co-workers presented the name to the Commission on Nomenclature of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry. The Commission rejected their proposal, Seaborg said, "because I was still alive, and they could prove it."

In response, Seaborg said, the Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry polled the scientific community, "and the universal consensus was that it's not so bad to be alive!" Thus, Seaborg earned a rare distinction among the scientific community that may not be repeated.

Based on discoveries in his laboratories, Seaborg suggested a needed re-arrangement of the periodic table of the elements.

"If I hadn't discovered plutonium, this is what I would be known for," Seaborg says. "It was something I could only have done while I was young. My colleagues told me not to go forward with this idea, that it would ruin my scientific reputation. Since I didn't have a scientific reputation, I went ahead anyway, and it was this work that earned me the Nobel Prize."

Fall Enrollment Stands At All-Time High

WITH 310 freshmen and 30 transfer students arriving on campus in late August, full-time undergraduate enrollment climbed over the 1,000 mark for the first time in College history.

Approximately half of this year's freshmen are Washington Scholars — members of the National Honor Society who are receiving annual $10,000 merit awards. "The make-up of this year's entering class is very similar to last year's in terms of academic ability and geographic distribution," notes Kevin Coveney, Vice President for Admission and Enrollment Management. "In its second year, the Washington Scholars recruiting program was quite successful in attracting high achievers while improving the class's gender balance with the addition of more male students. We also continue to attract a significant international student population, particularly from Asia. Japan and Sri Lanka are the two most well-represented nations."

Washington College's NHS Scholars posted impressive academic statistics (an average SAT score of 1123 and average GPA of 3.62) and a remarkable array of personal accomplishments in leadership and service-oriented activities, notes Coveney. The most popular fields of study among the NHS freshmen are biology and premed, English and creative writing, psychology, political science, and environmental studies.

To be considered for one of the NHS Scholarships to be awarded in 1998, students must file an application for admission to Washington College on or before February 15, 1998. To receive scholarship and admission information, contact Kevin Coveney, Vice President for Admissions, at 300 Washington Avenue, Chestertown, MD, 21620 or call 800-422-1782, extension 7700.

College Sets Fundraising Record

WASHINGTON College just completed its most successful fundraising year ever, with $7.5 million raised in total gifts, including $2.5 million for the Annual Fund. This year's results surpassed last year's totals by $1.5 million. The 1996-97 Annual Fund was a half million dollars over last year's record-breaking $2 million.

Of the $7.5 million total, nearly $4 million was added to the endowment fund that now totals nearly $50 million.

"The dramatic increase in gifts to the College and the steady growth of our endowment is a wonderful endorsement and a good sign for future advancement," President John S. Toll says. "I thank everyone who has helped us achieve record levels of support this past year."

Grants from foundations were up 56 percent. Leading the increase in foundation support was a grant of $2.3 million from the Beneficial Hodson Trust to the Hodson Scholarship Fund for the benefit of Washington College. Earnings from that endowment will give more than

70 students the opportunity to study at the College.

Washington College also received a $60,000 commitment from the Merck Foundation for undergraduate research in the sciences, and a major grant of $300,000 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to strengthen Washington College's leadership position in using technology in teaching.

The largest private gift was $1.3 million from the estate of Mary Ivolue Jammer White, the widow of a Washington College alumnus, Clarence C. White '16 of Cumberland, MD. Her bequest is designated for scholarships.

Nearly 2,800 gifts from alumni totalled $477,938, a 10 percent increase over the previous year. Especially encouraging was the 100 percent participation by members of the Board of Visitors and Governors, whose contributions rose from $532,714 to $658,597.

College Welcomes New Trustees

THREE BUSINESS and education leaders recently joined the College's Board of Visitors and Governors. New to the Board are businesswoman Ancha Casey, Sheryl V. Kerr, president and life trustee of the Grayce B. Kerr Fund, and Reg Murphy, president of the National Geographic Society.

Ancha Casey, a real estate investor, holds a law degree and a master's degree in business administration. She has worked as a business and marketing consultant and as a stock market researcher. From 1984-86, she served as

(From left) Ancha Casey, Sheryl V. Kerr, and Reg Murphy have joined the Washington College Board of Visitors and Governors.

director of Allied Cellular Ltd., and in 1986 was named President of Life Force Technologies Ltd. She is the wife of Douglas Casey, a best-selling author, well-known investment adviser, and a former Washington College Trustee.

Sheryl Kerr attended Oklahoma State University and Oklahoma City University, and is a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma City 1989 and Leadership Maryland 1996. From 1985 to 1995 she served as executive vice president and president of Kerr Consolidated, Inc., where she was actively involved in management. In 1990, Mrs. Kerr became executive vice president of the Brookside Company in Easton, MD, where she and her husband, Breene, reside.

She has served in various leadership capacities in community organizations, including The Country School in Easton, MD, the Easton Academy of the Arts, and Easton Day Care Center, Inc. She is a past member of the Junior League of Oklahoma City and served on the boards of the Oklahoma Museum of Art and Ballet Oklahoma.

Reg Murphy's move to the National Geographic Society in 1993 capped a long and distinguished career in newspaper publishing. He was publisher of the Baltimore *Sun* from 1981 to 1992, and he was editor and publisher of the *San Francisco Examiner* from 1975 to 1981. He was a political reporter and editor of the *Atlanta Constitution* from 1968 to 1975. Murphy's newspaper career began in 1955 in Georgia with the *Macon Telegraph and News*.

Appointed executive vice president of the National Geographic Society in 1993, Murphy managed financial operations, long-range planning, administration, electronic publishing, computer systems, and human resources. He became the National Geographic Society's 15th president in 1996.

HIGHLIGHTS

Harford Hall Opens

Washington's new residence hall was finished in time for returning students to move in. The 22,000 square foot building, located on the northern end of campus, houses 92 male and female students, with rooms arranged in suites around a common student area. Each room is connected to the campus computer network and the Internet. The building was designed by the architectural firm of Ayers Saint Gross and built by Arena Construction.

Premed Program Produces Bumper Crop Of Future Docs

FOR A SCHOOL of its small size, Washington College is sending a significant number of its graduates to medical school. That's the appraisal of Dr. Kathleen Verville, chair of the premedical committee that boasts of a 90 percent medical school admission rate over the past ten years and chair of the biology department that sent 25 percent of its graduating seniors to medical school this year.

Nine recent graduates are beginning their medical studies. Admitted were five graduating seniors from the Class of 1997—Mark Awantang (offered a full scholarship at Wright State University and accepted at Eastern Virginia Medical School), Derek Cuff (accepted to Tufts, George Washington University, Loyola University, University of Maryland, and the Medical College of Pennsylvania—Hahneman University), Stacey Hammond (accepted to University of Cincinnati, Medical College of Ohio, Northeastern Ohio Universities, Ohio State University, Wright State University, and Emory University), Amy Peterson (Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine), and Allison Wentworth (University of Maryland). Also admitted were four recent graduates: Charles Albrecht '96, (University of Maryland), David Bright '92 (George Washington University), Tami Hickman '92 (Pennsylvania State University), and Maria Jerardi '94 (Johns Hopkins University, University of Maryland, University of Alabama, and Georgetown University).

This success is attributable to many factors, says Verville, not the least of which are the caliber of the students attracted to Washington College and the College's emphasis on getting students involved in research early in their academic experience. Yet the way in which these students are encouraged to participate in everything from athletics to campus leadership, she says, and the intimate learning environment that allows them the flexibility to work both independently and collaboratively with faculty, are clearly influential to their success.

"This is a college that allows for tremendous involvement. Three of these seniors going to medical school played varsity basketball; two rowed crew. Although this means science students occasionally miss a scheduled lab, Washington College allows them to work in the lab independently, and I believe that fosters their sense of responsibility and helps them successfully manage their time.

"I tell my advisees to work hard but also to take some time for themselves," Verville continues. "They'll have plenty of opportunity down the road to focus on medicine; this may be their only opportunity to play field hockey, or perform on stage, or enjoy being part of a sorority. Washington College allows students to get a solid premedical background while making the most of their time here."

PHOTO: MARK SWISHER

Allison Wentworth '97, who co-captained the women's basketball team while completing her premed requirements, is one of nine recent graduates to go on to medical school.

Psychology Department Wins Three NSF Grants

THE NATIONAL Science Foundation has awarded to Washington College's psychology department three grants totaling $83,058 for upgrading research laboratory facilities with sophisticated scientific instrumentation. The grants provide support for undergraduate research in cognitive neuroscience, learning, animal cognition, and psychopharmacology, as well as sensation and perception, developmental psychology, human factors, and social psychology.

"We are pleased that the National Science Foundation has recognized Washington College's efforts to infuse our psychology curriculum with an experiential learning component that focuses on contemporary theoretical issues," notes College President John S. Toll. "It is imperative that our undergraduates be actively engaged in basic research relating to their coursework and obtain practical investigative skills that will prepare them for graduate school and professional careers. Through these grants, the NSF is permitting us to keep pace with current events in a rapidly advancing field."

The largest grant, $54,669, was awarded to Professors George Spilich and Cecilia Acocella under NSF's Major Research Instrumentation Program to support the instrumentation of a cognitive neuroscience research laboratory. The grant provides for the purchase of a topographic EEG/EP mapper and supporting instrumentation that faculty and students can use to pursue professional quality research that can lead to co-authored presentations and publications. Students may also use this instrumentation to pursue their own original research projects.

"The measurement of electrophysiology provides an avenue for performing basic research on the question of how the brain processes information," explains Dr. Spilich, chair of the psychology department. "With the addition of the brain mapper and a computer workstation that will support off-line analysis and editing of data, faculty and students will be able to carry on state-of-the-

art research in physiological correlates of mental operations."

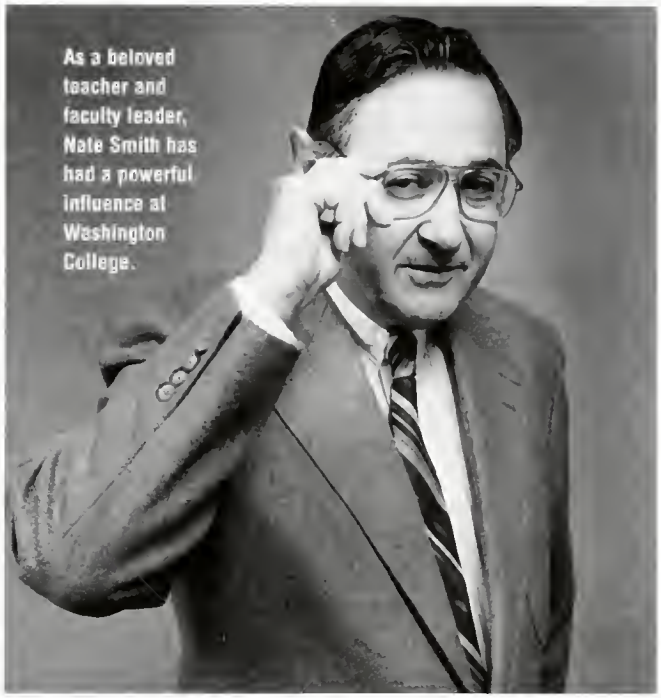
The second grant, for $17,677, was awarded to Professor Michael Kerchner to purchase scientific instrumentation necessary to enhance laboratory instruction in psychopharmacology, as well as animal learning and cognition. The College intends to acquire six computer-automated operant systems and an acoustic startle platform that can be used by students to investigate contemporary issues in animal learning and cognition. The equipment also will be used to expand the laboratory experiences in a new course in behavioral psychopharmacology.

The third grant, $10,712 awarded to Professor Spilich, will be used to create an eye movement/pupillometry laboratory with applications across the psychology curriculum. Using this new instrumentation, students could investigate a range of cognitive, sensory, developmental and social processes. Dr. Spilich also hopes that, with the new lab, Washington College students can serve the community by providing free testing services for disadvantaged children with reading disorders or memory or attention-deficit disorders.

Professor Nate Smith Retires

THE WASHINGTON College community bid a fond farewell to its most senior faculty member. After 41 years of teaching and administration, Nathan Smith, professor of history and four-time acting dean of the College, has retired.

"Nate Smith has been this institution's moral anchor, a progressive visionary, and an unparalleled academic leader who consistently and selflessly has worked to ensure the success of this historic College," President Toll remarked at Smith's retirement party in May. "More than any other faculty member, he has shaped the direction this institution has taken through the years, from pushing for integration during the Civil Rights Movement to major curricular reforms whenever needed."



As a beloved teacher and faculty leader, Nate Smith has had a powerful influence at Washington College.

PHOTO: PEGGY FOX

A scholar of Russian history and political theory, Professor Smith is the author of dozens of published articles and book reviews, has been a frequent contributor to the *Modern Encyclopedia of Russian and Soviet History*, and is considered a foremost authority on political freemasonry in Russia.

A dedicated teacher, he has received the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching, the Gold Pentagon Award for meritorious service, and the Sears-Roebuck Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence and Leadership.

When the College needed him, Nate Smith stepped in to serve as the chief academic officer on four separate occasions. As a highly regarded member of the senior faculty he has been called upon to offer guidance in key position searches, long-range planning, and foundation proposals. Many of the programs and policies he established will continue well beyond his retirement. Throughout, he has been a champion for the faculty and their rights to academic freedom.

"Dr. Nathan Smith has devoted his life to this institution. He truly loves Washington College, and we have been the beneficiaries of his intelligence, his integrity, and his remarkably devoted service," Toll said in conferring upon him professor emeritus status. "No doubt we will be calling upon him often, even in his retirement, to offer his wise counsel."

THE 1782 SOCIETY

Sandy Jones Receives Stewardship Award

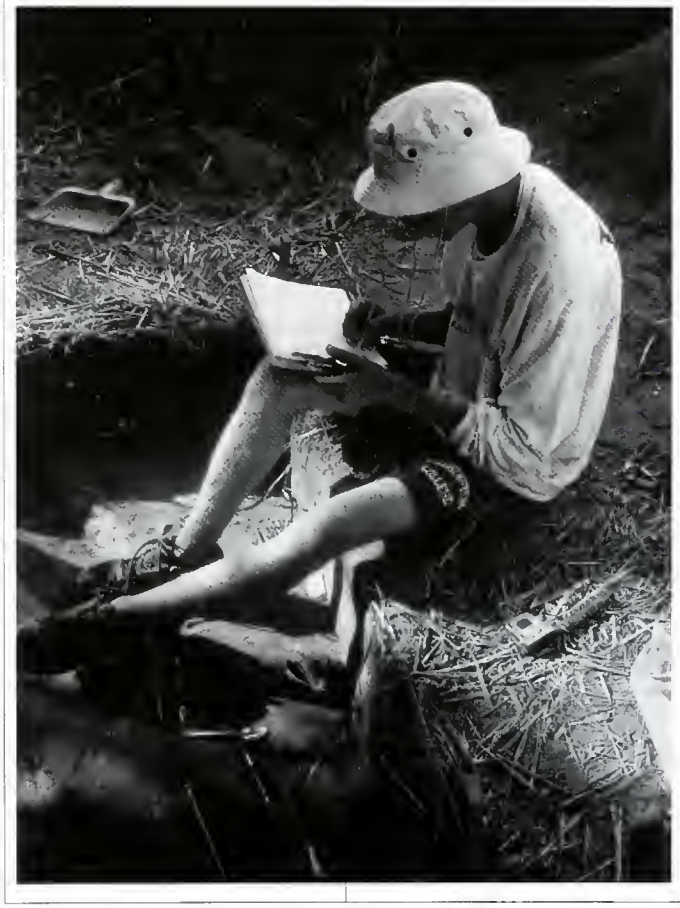
The 1782 Society presented this year's Stewardship Award to Alexander G. "Sandy" Jones '51 H '86, a long-serving member of the College's Board of Visitors and Governors. Jones, who in 1986 retired from his legal practice in Princess Anne, MD, is stepping down from the Board after 31 years of service. During that time, he served on the Academic Affairs, Agenda, Faculty and Curriculum, and Executive Committees and as chairman of the Legal Affairs and Bylaws committees. He is the father of two WC graduates, Kathleen G. Jones '77 and Patrick Jones '84. Sandy Jones, who was the College's first Fulbright Scholar, previously received an honorary Doctor of Law degree and the College's first Distinguished Alumni Service Award, both in 1986. He was presented with the Gold Pentagon Award for meritorious service to the College in 1993.

Newsweek Highlights Washington College In 1998 College Guide

NEWSWEEK magazine's 1998 edition of *How To Get Into College* highlights Washington College in a story featuring colleges that offer unusual educational opportunities. Urging college-bound students to look beyond the Ivy League to other schools that are "just as exciting," *Newsweek* cites Washington College's strong creative writing program, generous literary award (about $30,000 to a graduating senior), Chesapeake Bay focus, collaborative research opportunities, and $10,000-a-year tuition break for National Honor Society members.

"Money aside, Washington offers an innovative curriculum, starting with the requirement that every freshman take a class relating to the nearby Chesapeake Bay," author Anne Underwood states. "But the creative writing program is still the school's star attraction. So many famous writers have come to read their work here — from William Styron to Toni Morrison — that the college has been dubbed the 'Carnegie Hall of literary readings.'"

Produced by *Newsweek* in conjunction with Kaplan Educational Centers, *How To Get Into College* offers tips on college selection and financial aid as well as a directory of data on 1,000 U.S. colleges and universities.



AWARDS

George '98 Wins Hague Scholarship

elly George, a senior French major/Spanish minor, is the 1997-98 recipient of the Anna Melvin Hague '05 Memorial Scholarship, given each year to a prospective teacher. George is student-teaching at Easton High School in Talbot County, MD. After graduation, she hopes to land a position teaching languages. George is a volunteer with WC's community outreach effort, Target Tutoring, and is a member of both the French Club and Sigma Delta Pi, the Spanish honor society.

Students Unearth Artifacts In Nanticoke Village

WASHINGTON College students discovered clues to a Native American culture at the archaeological field school offered this summer at Chicone Indian Town, a 17th century Nanticoke Indian village located in Dorchester County, Maryland. Offered through the College's departments of sociology and anthropology and history and the Chesapeake Regional Studies program, the course — a first for the College — offered students the opportunity to participate in on-going research at one of the most important archaeological sites in Maryland.

Patrick Walters '98, Megan Kilby '00, and alumna Dawn Simms '96, along with students enrolled from other colleges, uncovered the remains of a small house or "wigwam" and recovered Indian-made pottery fragments and stone tools in as well as European-produced trade materials like glass beads, metal tools and tobacco pipes.

Students also took sidetrips to Historic St. Mary's City in southern Maryland and to Jamestown, Virginia for behind-the-scenes tours of excavations and research laboratories. Modern descendants of the Nanticoke Indians visited the archaeological site and students attended a talk and dinner at the home of the Chief.

The course was taught by Virginia Busby, a doctoral candidate in anthropology at the University of Virginia. This summer's excavations were part of Busby's research focusing on changes in the Nanticoke community at during the colonial period.

(Left) Patrick Walters '98 painstakingly maps the finds at the Chicone Indian Town site of this summer's archaeological field school.

College Receives $135,000 In Scholarship Money

AS WASHINGTON College strives to make a quality liberal arts education affordable to all qualified students, President John Toll continues to make a strong case for corporate and foundation support of adequate financial aid. Four organizations recently answered the call by awarding grants totaling $135,000 for scholarships.

Fleet Investment Management, Trustee of the Lloyd G. Balfour Foundation, awarded Washington College $75,000, to be paid over two years. Balfour scholarships are earmarked for minority students or for students from New England. At the time of his death in 1973, Lloyd Balfour was sole owner of the Balfour Company, a well-known maker of college rings and jewelry. The Balfour Foundation, established in his will, supports scholarships and innovative projects designed to eliminate barriers and improve access to education for all qualified students, with a strong emphasis on minority education programs.

The Coca-Cola Foundation celebrated the grand opening of a new bottling plant in Salisbury, Maryland, by awarding Washington College $25,000, also for minority scholarships. Eight students at Washington College previously have benefited from Coca-Cola scholarships. The Foundation has awarded more than $50 million in education funding since 1990.

With a gift of $25,000, Chevy Chase Bank is funding four scholarships for students from the Washington metropolitan area. Recipients are selected based upon their leadership potential, scholastic ability and extracurricular activities.

Anheuser-Busch Companies made a $10,000 gift, also in support of scholarships. Anheuser-Busch consistently ranks among the top U.S. corporate charitable contributors, making awards in support of education, health, arts and cultural programs.

Smith Serves As Interim Development Chief

Robert Smith will serve as interim vice president for development and alumni affairs.

WHEN MARTIN E. Williams '75, vice president for development and alumni affairs, left Washington College in July for a new position as vice president of university advancement at Salisbury State University, President John S. Toll appointed Robert G. Smith to serve in an interim capacity until a national search for Williams' successor is completed.

Smith, former Vice-Chancellor, University Relations for the University of Maryland, served there from 1976-1990, and was the founder and president of the University of Maryland Foundation when it launched a capital campaign that raised $275 million.

Prior to coming to Maryland he was Vice President for Development at Ohio State University from 1969-1975. From 1959 to 1969 he was a member of the faculty at Colgate University where he also served as director of public relations and executive assistant to the president. Since 1990 Smith has provided consulting services to colleges and universities, national associations and businesses, and state and federal government agencies across the country.

"I am pleased to be on John Toll's team again," Smith says. "Washington College has made remarkable progress in recent years and today it holds a special place in the broad spectrum of higher education."

In other development news, a new staff position was created. David Felton '95 was hired as the assistant director of development for donor research. Felton, who holds a master's degree in speech communication, previously has worked in Chesapeake College's writing center and in the financial aid office at Washington College. Before earning his undergraduate degree, he piloted aircraft and was an instructor pilot.

HEARD AROUND CAMPUS

On Chemical Weapons...

"We seem to be backing away from the commitment necessary to play the role we need to play in terms of insuring peace. If the U.S. fails to meet its responsibilities, and we are recognized as a world leader, then we lose the ability to shape the world in terms of peace and security."

— Senator Paul Sarbanes
April 28, 1997

Flook Brings Tiny Tomes To Miller Library

WEARING A 384-page English dictionary in a locket around her neck, Marnie Flook proves that the power of the written word is not lost, even in miniature. Miller Library hosted the Miniature Book Society's traveling exhibit during July. But it was the extensive personal collection of Flook, a Chestertown resident and Friend of Miller Library, that delighted visitors.

Flook, who has collected about 1,000 specimens — both antique and contemporary — since 1981, shared some of her collection of thumb bibles and finger prayer books, Shakespeare and Swift, books on printing and binding, ABC books, children's books, dictionaries and cookbooks and histories, none bigger than four inches tall. Her oldest miniature "book" is a Sumerian clay messenger tablet dating back to 2030 BC. Her smallest is an English bijou almanac, less than one inch tall, accompanied by a tiny magnifying glass. Her personal favorite is an 1891 diary kept by her husband's great aunt.

Then there are books in the shapes of a butterfly and an alligator, pop-up books, folding books, and books illustrated with stamps.

"Since I was trained as a biologist, I started collecting books on natural history," Flook says. "But like most collectors I was soon attracted to other miniatures: I began collecting the books of certain publishers, then I discovered the contemporary miniatures being produced by a couple of women in Berkeley, California. They produce limited and numbered editions of these books that are judged nationally. I usually treat myself to one every year."

Miniature book collecting has grown from a hobby to a passion for Marnie Flook. Luckily, her collection doesn't take up too much space.

Women's League Publishes Cookbook

THE WOMEN'S League of Washington College has gathered the favorite recipes of its members, friends and women important in the history of Washington College, from Martha Washington's recipe for roasted capon with oysters to Helen Gibson's Hynson-Ringgold House reception punch.

The Washington College Cookbook, Light Fare for Casual Entertaining, will be published this fall, just in time for holiday gift giving. The book contains 290 recipes, ranging from modern trendy choices such as Mango Salsa and Citrus Tarragon Salmon Steaks to classics like hot crab dip and German chocolate ice box cake.

The cookbook includes a selection of recipes from Martha Washington's handwritten cookbook, now in the collection of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, as well as recipes from Deborah Toll, wife of College President John S. Toll, and three former First Ladies of the College: Helen Gibson, Ann McLain, and Katherine Trout.

The Women's League is an organization of women interested in the welfare of Washington College. During the past 26 years of its existence, the League has centered its efforts on projects that have aided the Scholarship Fund, the music department, the library, and the campus arboretum, among other needs.

Like other Women's League projects, proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will benefit Washington College. The cookbook will be available in stores in the Chestertown area, or may be ordered by mail from The Women's League of Washington College, 300 Washington Avenue, Chestertown, MD 21620-1197. Each book ordered through the mail is $12.50, plus $3.50 shipping and handling.

Kerchner To Direct Graduate Program

MICHAEL Kerchner, assistant professor of psychology and director of the behavioral neuroscience program at Washington College, has been appointed director of the WC graduate program.

Washington College offers part-time evening programs leading to the master of arts degree in English, History and Psychology, with independent studies offered in education as well. Psychology is the most popular graduate program, with an average of five courses offered per semester.

"The graduate program traditionally has been an important resource for professionals living and working on the Eastern Shore," notes Kerchner. "Our immediate goals are to build on the strengths of the existing graduate programs, to increase enrollments, and to insure that we are addressing the educational needs of students currently enrolled in our graduate programs. Down the road we intend to explore the potential for developing other degree and non-degree programs that will address future needs in our region and perhaps an even larger constituency."

For information about the graduate program call 1-800-422-1782, ext. 7299.

Robert Mooney (at left with writing students) brings to Washington College interest and expertise in creative writing, 19th and 20th century American fiction, the novel, Irish literature and composition.

WC Introduces New Character To Literary House

ROBERT MOONEY, a writer, English professor and former director of the creative writing program at Binghamton University, is Washington College's newest creative writing professor and director of the O'Neill Literary House. Mooney succeeds Robert Day, who gave up his administrative post to devote more time to his writing. After a year-long sabbatical, Day will return to teaching in 1998 on a part-time basis.

Mooney earned a bachelor's degree in English from Boston College, and master's and doctoral degrees from Binghamton University. He is primarily a fiction writer. His published short stories include "Halloween," in the *Paterson Literary Review* (1994), which was nominated for the Pushcart Prize. "First Funeral" is included in a forthcoming Penguin Books anthology, *Identity Lessons*. Mooney also was senior editor for *New Myths/MSS, An International Journal of Fiction and Poetry*, and is founder and senior editor of New Myths Press, which published *Forged Correspondences*, a collection of poetry by Philip Brady. He has a book being considered for publication.

As director of the graduate and undergraduate creative writing programs at Binghamton for the past eight years, Mooney arranged and hosted dozens of readings by internationally renowned writers, established and supported successful Readers Series and acted as academic adviser to all creative writing students. He was director of literary programs for two international conferences focusing on the arts of Northern Ireland and Scotland.

"The Literary House at Washington College has all the makings of a perfect literary environment for young writers," Mooney says. "That's what attracted me to Washington College initially. As director of a creative writing program at Binghamton, I have learned there are three major factors that contribute to a young writer's well-being — the desire to write, the need for community, and the need for guidance from other writers. Washington College's O'Neill Literary House provides for each of these. I see my role as one of their guides. To have all this located in such a beautiful place as Chestertown is a bonus."

Professor Peter Tapke Retires

PETER F. TAPKE, professor of philosophy and religion, has retired from teaching after 35 years.

Tapke left his mark on Washington College in many ways. Among his legacies are the William James Forum, a distinguished lecture series named for one of America's greatest philosophers, and a rowing program that, under his care and guidance, evolved into a competitive varsity program with premier waterfront facilities.

Under his direction, the William James Forum has brought to campus an array of speakers who have stimulated audiences to examine human values. As adviser for the Manchester College program at the University of Oxford, England, and as chairman of the College's Fulbright Committee, Tapke made it possible for WC students to study abroad. Responsive to the call for curricular reform, he brought to campus a popular new course in environmental ethics.

"We are extremely grateful to Professor Tapke for his many years of devoted service to Washington College," President John Toll said in conferring upon him professor emeritus status.

Tapke will continue his association with the William James Forum and the WC Rowing Association and will still serve as adviser for Fulbright and Rhodes scholarship applicants.

"I hope to remain very visible on campus," Tapke says. "The best part of my retirement is that I'll have more time to devote to the programs I most enjoy."

PHOTO: PEGGY FOX

Philosophy Professor Peter Tapke will continue to direct the William James Forum.

For Ann Macielag '48, WC Is A Family Tradition

by Jennifer Waldych '97

PHOTO GIBSON ANTHONY

The Macielag family gathered at Cacaway Farms, near Chestertown, for a WC Legacy Portrait. Pictured are (from left) sister Marion Moore '56, son John '89, daughter Katy '78, son-in-law Bill Maisel '79, son Michael '73 and Ann Macielag '48.

WASHINGTON College is more than just a campus. Whole families feel the pull of this place. Generation after generation return to find out for themselves what makes it so special. The Macielags are just one such "Legacy" family.

Ann Waterman Macielag '48 remembers the campus during World War II. "Enrollment was down to about 300, and that was mostly girls. All of the guys went off to fight the war. They chose to fight to protect our country when they could've stayed at Washington College and protected themselves."

Ann has more special memories of "the boys over there." That's how she met her husband, Frank. "Our gym teacher made us write to the boys. I wound up writing to Frank. He was seven and a half years older than me, but he came back and we graduated together. We're still close to all those people. All those guys went through so much together."

In addition to her late husband Frank, Ann shares her *alma mater* with son Michael '73 who is President of Chesapeake Bank in Chestertown and a former WC trustee; son John Macielag '89, Assistant Vice President of Merrill Lynch in Baltimore; daughter Katy Macielag Maisel '78, a pricing agent for LaMotte Chemical in Chestertown; son-in-law Bill Maisel '79, Sales and Marketing manager for JM Huber, Chemicals Divison, of Havre De Grace; sister Marion Waterman Moore '56, office manager for Dukes-Moore Insurance Agency in Chestertown; and brother-in-law Bob Moore '59, owner of Dukes-Moore Insurance Agency.

ON CAMPUS

Washington College Legacy Day Is October 18

Alumni, students, parents, and faculty will join in a celebration of Washington College families on Legacy Day, October 18. In addition to a full day of campus tours and athletic contests, here are some highlights from the schedule. For information and reservations, phone the Alumni Office at 800-422-1782, ext. 7846.

9:00 am - 10:00
Alumni Legacies Admissions and Financial Aid Presentation

10:00 - 11:30
Faculty/student teams present "Community, Nation, World."

"Where the Current Meets the Tide:" A 20-minute video about the heart of WC.

11:00 -11:30
SGA Legacy Parade (student floats and marching bands).

11:30
Harford Hall Open House
Tour the newest campus dorm.

Noon - 1:30
Picnic on Hodson Hall Terrace ($8 per person)

1:30 - 2:30
"Campus Life/Student Issues" discussed by SGA officers and Elm editors, past and present.

Legacy Family Portrait Session (Those with two or more WC alumni or students in their family trees, pose for photographs.)

3:30
Sho'men Club Reception at Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center.

Harris Whitbeck Covers The Globe For CNN News

HARRIS WHITBECK '87 WATCHED THE SOVIET Union flag being lowered for the last time in Moscow's Red Square. He was one of the first on the scene after the uprising in Chiappas, Mexico. He has come face to face with Fidel Castro, with Pope John Paul II, and with U.S. President Bill Clinton.

As a correspondent for the past six years for CNN, Whitbeck has witnessed history unfolding and has covered Latin America's hottest news stories. He was in Haiti at the height of U.S. intervention in 1994. He was one of 50 journalists who traveled throughout Latin America with the Pope. Whitbeck covered the hostage crisis in Peru, and was part of the press entourage during President Clinton's spring tour of Mexico and Barbados.

"I love being paid to travel around the world, to meet interesting people, and tell interesting stories about them," says Whitbeck, who describes himself as an internationalist. "I'm passionate about my work, and I truly believe in CNN because its perspective is not American, it's broader than that. In countries where anti-American sentiment runs high, CNN reporters have an advantage over American journalists is getting the story. As a global organization, CNN has opened a lot of doors for me."

After earning a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University, Whitbeck returned to his native Guatemala, began writing and producing news stories on Central America, and sold them to various news organizations. CNN hired him as a writer in Atlanta, and shortly thereafter the news organization sent him to cover stories abroad. He is now assigned to Mexico City, where he is committed for two more years.

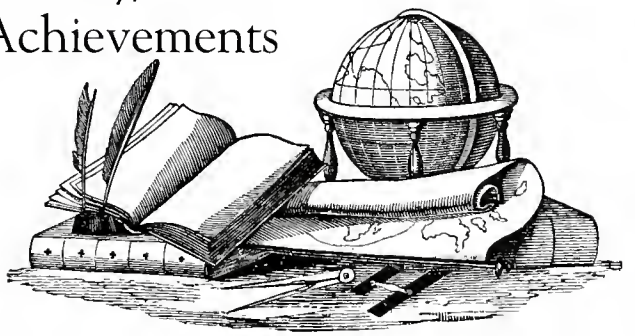
"Mexico is changing so rapidly and it is such a complicated country that it gives me a lot of work," Whitbeck says.

His language skills—in Spanish, English and French—helped him immensely, he says. He reports in Spanish for CNN International, but also covers some stories in English for affiliate news services. In Haiti, where passions were running against the United States, his French helped him get the story. "I was able to say in French that I was not representing the U.S."

He has been around the world, yet the story that has touched him most deeply is that of his own country. "Guatemala is a place of extreme violence and has been in the international news for the past 30 years. When I grew up there I lived a very sheltered existence. My parents told me that guerrilla soldiers ate children. When I came to Washington College, Dan Premo's classes presented the other side of the story and my mind was broadened immensely. On assignment for CNN, I spent ten days in the jungle with the last of the guerrillas — it was an amazing experience and very emotional for me. I followed up with reports on the peace signing and the struggle for the peace process. It's a great story, but one that I approach on a visceral level."

Even the major networks turn to CNN for hard news reporting from around the world. Harris Whitbeck's report on President Clinton's tour in Mexico appeared as part of The Today Show's broadcast.

Faculty/Staff Achievements



H. LOUISE AMICK, assistant professor of mathematics, presented a session titled "Precalculus: A Collaborative Approach" at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics 75th annual meeting. She also contributed an article, "Math Class: Have You Seen the Preview," to the Innovative Teaching Exchange, MAA On-line.

EMILIE AMT, associate professor of history, is the author of "The Reputation of the Sheriff, 1100-1216," published in the *Haskins Society Journal*. She and Carol Wilson, assistant professor of history, are team-teaching a new course in Environmental History this fall.

TAI SUNG AN, the Everett E. Nuttle Professor of Political Science, completed two books. *America After Vietnam, From Anguish to Healing*, was released by the Ashgate Publishing Company last spring. *The Vietnam War*, published by the Associated University Presses of New Jersey, is slated for release in November.

KEVIN BRIEN, professor of philosophy, published an article called "Marx and the Spiritual Dimension" in the Fall 1996 issue of *Topoi: An International Journal of Philosophy*. This article is intended as the first phase of a long range project aimed at a full scale critical synthesis of Marx, Nietzsche, and Buddhism. Between the fall and spring semesters Brien spent a month in Bodh Gaya, India, as part of his on-going field study of Buddhism, and also made some preliminary preparations for a regular student field trip to India that will be offered for the first time this winter. In the Spring '97 semester Brien served as acting chair of the department of philosophy.

ED BUSCAGLIA, assistant professor of economics, has published articles on the economic analysis of corruption and judicial reform in Latin America in the *Wall Street Journal, Policy Studies Journal, The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences*, the *Encyclopedia of Law and Economics*, and others. He is vice president of the InterAmerican Law and Economics Association and serves on the corporate board of Transparency International.

GARRY CLARKE, professor of music, contributed the lead article, "The Arts and the Scattered Self: Reflections in the Age of Cyberspace," to the July/August 1997 issue of *Arts Education Policy Review*.

TOM COUSINEAU, professor of English, has had his third book-length work, entitled *After the Final No: Samuel Beckett's Trilogy*, accepted for publication by the University of Delaware Press. He is pursuing archival research for the bilingual variorum edition of Beckett's *Premier amour/First Love* and is beginning to write a book on the figure of the scapegoat in modern literature. He read a draft of a chapter of this book, on Joseph Conrad's novella *Heart of Darkness*, at the annual convention of the Conrad Society in London; another chapter, on the plays of Harold Pinter, is currently circulating. Two other articles of his have been chosen for inclusion in *Beckett and Beyond*, published by Colin Smythe, Ltd. as part of its Princess Grace Irish Library series.

RICHARD DEPROSPO, professor of English and chair of American studies, was in Ecuador and Brazil this past summer under the auspices of the USIA Speaker and Specialists program. He spent two weeks in June setting up a graduate program in American Studies at the Universidad San Francisco de Quito in Ecuador. As a result of his participation in the USIA Winter Institute last year, DeProspo was invited to speak at Catholic University of Ecuador and at the Federal University of Bahia-Uilba in Brazil.

Lisa Daniels, assistant professor of economics, contributed a chapter on small-scale enterprise in Zimbabwe to *African Entrepreneurship*, published by University of Florida Press.

COLIN DICKSON, professor of French and chair of the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Modern Language Association exploring geographical space in Montaigne's *Essais* and textual space in Montaigne criticism.

GERRY FISHER, director of the writing center and lecturer in education, co-authored an article with GAIL TUBBS, tutorial instructor in writing and lecturer in education, on team-teaching grammar, which was published in the *Journal of the College English Association, Middle Atlantic Group*. She and Tubbs also designed and supervised with Sean O Connor, professor of education, a new internship on "Writing Theory and the Conference: A Practicum in Peer Tutoring."

ROSEMARY FORD, associate professor of biology, established an herbarium at WC using the macro-algae and fern collections donated by Julius Cohn. She also established an internship for WC's pre-nursing students at Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital in Chestertown. She was a presenter at the Delaware Association of Biology Teachers and at the Centennial Conference Undergraduate Research meeting in April 1997.

MARK HUBLEY, assistant professor of biology, wrote an article analyzing the effects of temperature on goldfish skeletal muscle which was published in the *Journal of*

Experimental Biology. He is beginning a research program at WC that investigates how animals of the Chester River ecosystem adapt to seasonal changes in temperature.

JUAN LIN, associate professor and chair of the physics department, had two articles published relating to his research on co-circulating influenza strains conferring partial cross-immunity and his work on chaos in associative memories.

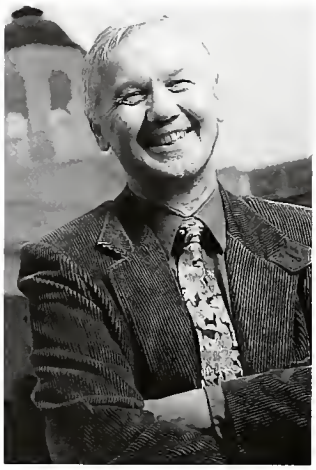
VALÉRIE LOICHOT, assistant professor of French, wrote an article accepted for publication in the *French Review*. She presented papers on the works of Glissant at the meeting of the Modern Language Association and at the International Congress in Francophone.Studies.

KEVIN MCKILLOP, assistant professor of psychology, was co-author of a publication in the *Psychological Bulletin* of "The Consequences of Revealing Personal Secrets." At the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychology Association, he gave a talk on "Interpersonal Enemies" and with five student co-authors presented a paper called "Don't Judge, Don't Tell: Revealing Secrets and the Response of the Confidant."

J. DAVID NEWELL, professor of philosophy, has been appointed Interim Executive Vice-President for Seminars at The Aspen Institute. He will be responsible for directing the Executive Seminar program, the core leadership experience offered by The Aspen Institute, and other topical seminar programs.

SEAN O CONNOR, professor and chair of education, conducted a week-long program of workshops and meetings for the Australian Graduate School of Management at the University of New South Wales. He was a visiting lecturer for the Educational Research and Advisory Unit of the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand. In Poland, he led a week-long program for faculty in education and psychology from the University of Warsaw and regional universities, and presented a paper, "An Ecology of the Art and Science of Teaching: A Mirror of Teaching Possibilities," at the World Association for Case Study Research and Application.

CHRISTINE PABON, associate professor of Spanish, had an article published on Cervantes' creative process in his novella, *The Gypsy Maid*. She gave a presentation at Landmark College on strategies for teaching foreign languages to students with learning differences.



Dan Premo, professor of political science, authored a chapter on "The Redirection of the Armed Forces" in the book, *Nicaragua Without Illusions*, published by SR Books.

ROSETTE ROAT, professor and chair of chemistry, co-authored with seven students an article exploring the reactions of platinum (IV) complexes with nucleobases catalyzed by platinum (II) complexes, which was submitted to the *Journal of the Chemical Society, Dalton Transactions*. Dr. Roat also submitted an article, "An Interdisciplinary Graduate Course in Bioinorganic Chemistry," to the *Journal of Chemical Education*. She presented papers about her research on the reactions of platinum complexes at the American Chemical Society meeting, the European Conference on Bioinorganic Chemistry in the Netherlands, and the Chemistry of the Platinum Group Metals meeting in England.

JASON RUBIN, assistant professor of drama, was a judge for the Theatre Library Association's George Freedly Award.

JEANETTE SHERBONDY, associate professor of anthropology, wrote an article on the Andean Panaca lands which was published in a special edition of the *Journal of the Steward Anthropological Society*. She is working on a book-length manuscript on the importance of water and irrigation in Inca culture.

GEORGE SHIVERS, professor of Spanish and chair of the department of foreign languages, literatures and cultures, won a mini-grant from the Maryland Humanities Council to support his department's German Week activities. The grant brought to campus German novelist Peter Schneider and two documentary filmmakers who chronicled the life of Ruth Berlau.

GEORGE SPILICH, professor and chair of psychology, co-authored with Tina Turner '98 an article exploring the role of tobacco-industry support on research accepted for publication by *Addiction*. Spilich was elected to the leadership of the Council for Undergraduate Research (CUR), a national professional organization with 3,000 members, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Eastern Psychological Association. He and his colleagues—Cecilia Accocella and Michael Kerchner—were awarded three National Science Foundation grants providing funds to improve undergraduate research facilities.

KAREN SMITH, professor and chair of physical education, presented two dance workshops and a paper on the Olympic flame at the 40th World Congress of the International Council for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport & Dance, held in Seoul, Korea. She is the Dance Commission Director for that organization.

RICHARD STRINER, associate professor of history, had his article critiquing the premises of federal deficit reduction published in the Outlook section of the *Washington Post*. Striner is founder of the Pericles Institute, a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering wise governmental stewardship.

NANCY TATUM, the Ernest A. Howard Professor of English, was appointed to serve as Maryland Independent College and University Association's representative to the Faculty Advisory Committee of the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

GAIL TUBBS' essay, "Equally at Home," was published in the summer 1997 issue of the *Potomac Review*, a regional literary quarterly. She is a tutorial instructor in writing and a lecturer in education. (See also her "Currents" essay on page 36.)

PORTFOLIO

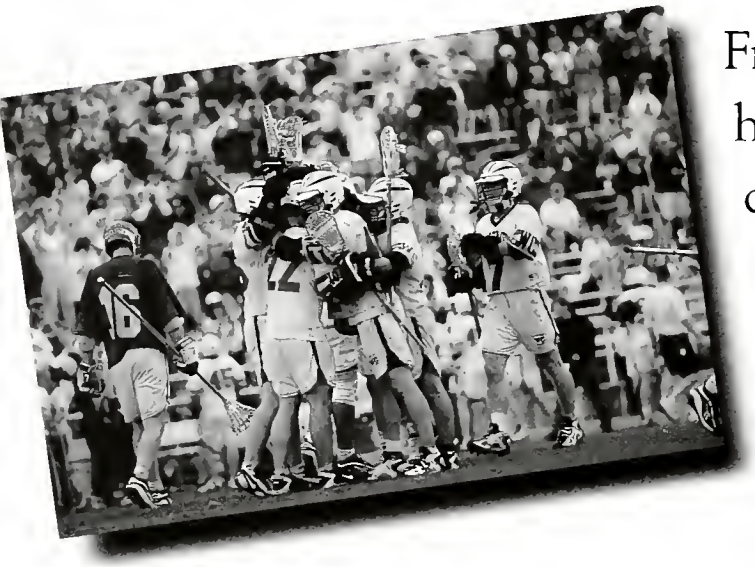
Commencement 1997

Photographs by Trisha McGee '81

EVEN THOUGH A SENSE of closure pervades the pomp and circumstance, commencement is about new beginnings. Last May, Washington College sent out into the world 185 undergraduates and 12 master's degree candidates who are now pursuing careers and post-graduate training in law, medicine, and international affairs. In addition to several senior prizes and awards, the College presented the Senior Fellow Award to novelist John Barth and the Alumni Citation for Medicine to Karen A. Johnson '68. Pulitzer Prize-winning literary critic Michael Dirda, offered them all these words to live by: "At the end of each day, reach for a good book."

Clockwise, from top: Board Chairman Louis Goldstein '35 greets Provost and Dean Joachim Scholz; Brook Davenport tests out ideas of sensory perception on mom's tassle as Tracy Davenport prepares to pick up her master's degree in psychology; graduating seniors determine how long they have to wait before their name is called; Sophie Kerr Prize winner Brandon Hopkins is embraced by his mother; grads making the march into the real world eke out the last bit of wear from their not-ready-for-real-life footgear.

WC Teams Enjoy WINNING SEASONS



From a turnaround in field hockey to a pair of national championship titles in men's tennis, it was a triumphant year for Washington College athletics.

FOR MANY Shoremen supporters the indelible sports image last year is that of Washington College lacrosse players, physically spent and emotionally wrecked, fallen to the rain-slicked turf of Byrd Stadium after Nazareth prevailed, 15-14, in almost a carbon copy of the 1996 championship game — under the same drab skies, before about the same number of people (18,000-plus), and with the same miserable, heart-wrenching outcome. But a more true image of the collective year is that of Shoremen athletes, men and women, racing off the playing fields with their heads held high and their fists pumping triumphantly in the air.

"Just to make it to the NCAA championship playoffs is a tremendous accomplishment that most schools never achieve," notes Athletic Director Bryan Matthews '75. "We've got racks of NCAA trophies for championship play — eight in lacrosse and six in tennis. We're the only school in the Centennial Conference to hold any national championship trophy, and we've got two. What we've accomplished over the years in athletics shouldn't be taken for granted, and last year was especially successful. Of course, the highlight of the year was our men's tennis team winning the national championship. Any time a school can win a national title is a tremendous accomplishment. For ours to do that twice is an incredible feat."

Last year truly was one for the record books for several sports. Starting the year off on the right foot, Washington received its first NCAA bid in field hockey, only the second NCAA bid in school history for a women's team. Angel Prado repeated as the outstanding male swimmer at the Centennial Conference championship meet. Basketball players Ben Harris and Derek Cuff each surpassed the lofting milestone of 1,000 career points, and Coach Lanee Cole's first recruits — Lee Ann Lezzer, Eboni Taylor and Allison Wentworth — wrapped up their brilliant undergraduate careers. A women's eight reached the finals of the Dad Vail Regatta for the first time. Finally, the legendary

BY TRISHA McGEE '81

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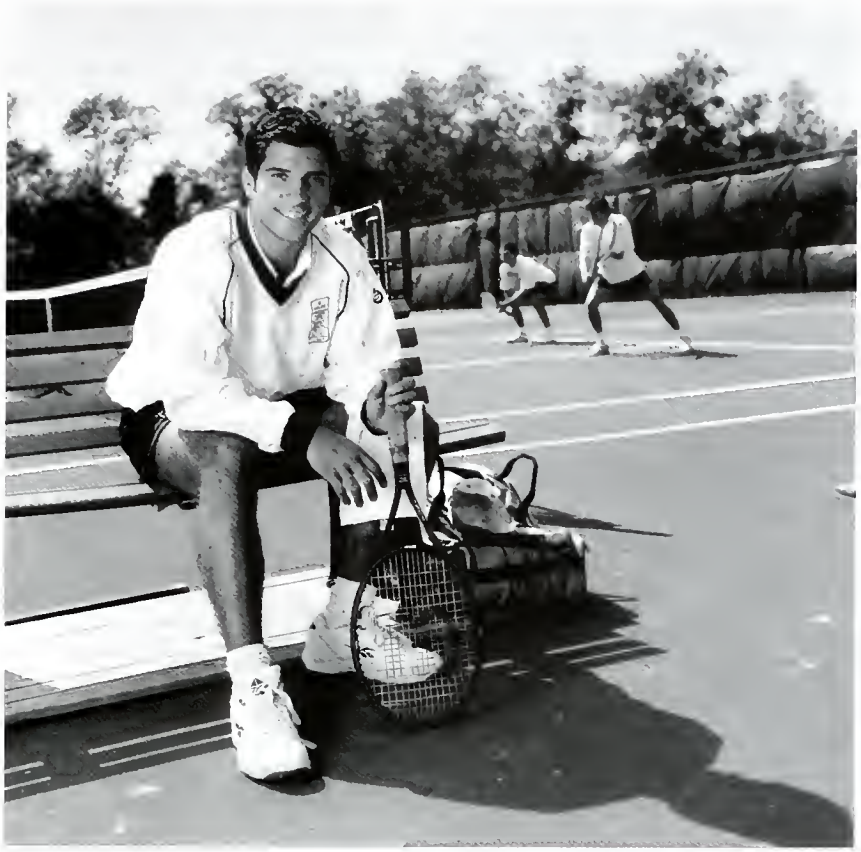

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At No. 1, Damian Polla of Argentina helped the Shoremen win their first tennis championship in 1994, and won his first singles championship the following year. He capped his collegiate tennis career in May with repeat team and individual titles.

Edward L. Athey '47 captured his first 20-win season as he retired a winner after 37 years in baseball.

"The successes of the past year — among them three NCAA bids, two NCAA trophies, the men's tennis and women's swimming teams being chosen as Academic All-Americans, Angel Prado's national level swimming competition, and senior basketball player Mark Awantang's selection as an Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar — demonstrate a tremendous commitment to excellence, both academically and athletically, by players and coaches alike," says Matthews.

The year began on a bright note with field hockey. The turnaround in the field hockey program earned Sarah Feyerherm Coach of the Year recognition in the South Region, but it actually caught her by surprise. "I knew we had a good team, but a lot of the players were young, and I thought we'd do well to have a winning season," says Feyerherm. "I hate to admit it, but I guess I underestimated their desire to win and their willingness to work hard for it. It was an important year for the future of the program, because the NCAA bid certainly makes it easier for me to recruit new players."

After improving their season record from 6-11 in 1995 to 13-5, competing at the national level with the 15 other top Division III schools in the country was a heady experience in itself, Feyerherm says. "We were playing in a stadium, on Astroturf at the College of New Jersey, which is a real class act. Except for the 70 minutes when we were getting our butts kicked by the team that ended up winning their eighth national title, we all had a great time."

With the senior trio of Lee Ann Lezzer, Eboni Taylor and Allison Wentworth leading the way to a 14-10 winning season, the women's basketball team just missed out on making the Centennial Conference playoffs. Taylor finished her career with 1,483 points and 1,072 rebounds, Wentworth racked up 1,136 points, and, at guard, Lezzer was the three-point leader.

"I don't take any credit for what the team accomplished in four years," says Coach Cole. I credit these gals and their work ethic that was evident both on the court and off. After graduating, Lee Ann is studying environmental law, Allison is studying medicine, and Eboni is employed in her field of sociology. They set the precedent for women's basketball at WC, they've established a strong tradition for scholar-athletes, and the program's going to be just as strong this year."

The men's basketball program demonstrated the same commitment to excellence, with two players —Mark Awantang and Derek Cuff—now studying medicine. Awantang, a 6'4" forward, averaged 12.9 points per game and established conference records for blocks in Centennial games. He and junior guard Ben Harris were named to the first unit of the men's All-CC team, the first Shoremen to earn first-team recognition in the conference's four-year history. Based on his academic and athletic achievements, *Black Issues in Higher Education* named Mark Awantang the 1997 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar.

Harris, who missed the entire 1995-96 season because of a broken foot, led the Shoremen in points, free throws, assists and three-point goals. In January he eclipsed the career milestone of 1,000 points. He was eighth in the conference in scoring (14.2 ppg) and placed second in three-point goals. His 355 points last season give him a career total of 1,188 — placing him No. 14 on the school's all-time scoring list.

Cuff, a 6'2" senior forward, saw more playing time than any one this year. He had a team-high 47 steals, was second on the team to Awantang with 29 blocks and averaged 10.7 points a game. An outstanding all-around player, Cuff finishes with 1,092 career points (No. 19 in school history), 420 rebounds, 142 assists, and 112 steals.

"The team worked very hard to finish with ten consecutive victories, winning 13 of the last 15 games," says Coach Tom Finnegan. "I was pleased that our seniors made such good contributions to that streak."

The basketball/biology link will continue this season with seniors Bradd Burkhart and Matt King in the premed program. "It's not by design," Finnegan says, "but the players have demonstrated that they can handle the time/space re-

At the nationals, the tennis team vowed not to shave as long as they were winning. Sporting the grunge look, from left, are: Michael Kember '97, Miro Beran '97, Assistant Coach Eric Seltenrich, Head Coach Matt Rose, Carl Nordberg '98, Tomas Lejarraga '99, Andrew King '97, Damian Polla '97, Gustavo Vicentini '99.

quirements of labs and practice. Bradd and Ben are co-captains this year, and if our other players step up to replace Mark and Derek we'll have another successful year."

In the Casey Swim Center, Angel Prado '99 solidified his position as the most outstanding male swimmer in the six-year history of the program at Washington College, with a second straight All-American season. At the NCAA Division III championships at Miami University of Ohio, Prado placed 10th in the 100-yard butterfly — well under the top 16 cut required for All-American recognition. He is the only male swimmer in the Centennial Conference to place on a national level in 1997.

"It was really exciting for me to have a swimmer compete at the national level and to prove that we can hang with the big programs," Coach Kim Lessard notes. "This was the second time around for Angel. He knew what to expect, he was better prepared mentally, and it definitely made a difference in his performance."

Last season he established school records in the 50, 100 and 200 freestyle, 100 and 200 butterfly, and 200 individual medley. At the conference championships, he established three conference records and captured four gold medals.

Juniors Meredith Bathgate and Danielle Sullivan won conference titles as well. Bathgate won the 100 breaststroke, placed third in the 50 free and fourth in the 200 breast — all in school-record time. Sullivan won the gold medal in the 1,650 free, a silver medal in the 500 free and bronze in the 200 free. As well as Prado, Bathgate and Sullivan both met "B" qualifying times for the nationals.

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Karen Sieger '98 (left) and Allison Wentworth '97 dominate the competition.

"These two women have continued to improve," Lessard says, "and for them to win the Centennial Conference championship in their third year demonstrates that continued hard work pays off. Combined, they own seven individual school records and five relay records."

Spring, perhaps, was the most exciting season as Washington ruled in Division III men's tennis and the Shoremen for the eighth time chased a Division III national title in men's lacrosse.

Men's tennis (20-1), under second-year coach Matt Rose, defeated Kalamazoo College of Michigan, 4-2, to win a second national championship in four years. As the top-ranked team in the South Region, they began their championship bid with a 4-1 victory over Amherst and a 4-0 defeat of Gustavus Adolphus in the semi-finals. Damian Polla, who played singles and doubles to help Washington defeat Kalamazoo, later in the same week rallied past Andrew Fagenholz of Williams College in three sets to win the NCAA singles crown. As a national champion, Polla was invited to participate in exhibition play sponsored by Rolex and the Intercollegiate Tennis Associaton.

"Four of us on the team had competed for and won the national title in 1994," Polla remarked. "Because we were graduating, we really wanted to win it again. We focused on the team tournament — that's what I really wanted to accomplish. As far as winning a second individual title, I wasn't expecting that so much, because I thought I would be too tired to play that well. I was lucky — I got easier matches than if I had been seeded higher."

For Head Coach Matt Rose, winning the tennis championship was "the ultimate experience" in coaching. "Given

MAKING WAVES

Rowers Rock The Region

Washington College's reputation as one of the small rowing powerhouses on the Eastern Seaboard is spreading nationwide, as coach Mike Davenport has quietly gone about building his program. The women's varsity eight, ranked as high as No. 2 this spring among NCAA Division II and III schools in the Central Region, placed third in the Mid-Atlantic Championships on the Occoquan. The men's varsity eight was second to George Mason. At the Dad Vail Regatta, the women's junior varsity eight reached the finals and finished sixth out of 12 boats. Washington and Coast Guard were the only two Division III schools in a jayvee final that featured four Division I schools. Also at the Dad Vails, Washington's women's varsity eight advanced to the semifinals to finish among the top 18.

the players, I thought we had a chance to win the entire year. It was a matter of pacing ourselves and being ready to play when it counted. These guys are the best I've ever worked with. They're also some of my favorite people."

Rose credits his personal relationship with each of the players and their "mutual respect" for fostering a winning environment. "Tennis is really an individual sport that works out as a team in the end," Rose says. "Once they're out there, they are playing for their point. As a coach motivating his players, I'm dealing with eight individuals whose needs and personalities are different. My job was getting to know everyone and dealing with them on a personal level."

Men's lacrosse truly was a team effort. Led by first-team All-Americans John Fuller, George Atterbury and MVP Andy Taibl, Washington College (14-4) shrugged off the early season losses to Division I Navy and Johns Hopkins and a mid-season slump at Salisbury to work its way back to the Division III championship game. Against Nazareth, the Shoremen regrouped from a 13-10 deficit with four of the last five goals of regulation to force sudden death. Despite the final one-goal difference, it was a game of spurts marked by eight ties and six lead changes. Washington trailed three times by three goals, at 6-3, 7-4, and 13-10.

Washington had finished 6-0 in league play to win its second straight Centennial championship, and then went about the business of post-season by ousting Roanoke, 14-9, and Gettysburg, 10-9. John Fuller on attack led the Shoremen with 42 goals. Atterbury, a first-team All-American at midfield for the second straight year, was 32-7-39. Taibl as the best goalie in Division III had a save percentage of .622 and goals-against average of 8.4.

"This team is one I won't forget. They worked as hard as any team could, and represented Washington College as well as anyone could have," Head Coach John Haus said. "We're disappointed that we were unable to bring home the championship. Yet as disappointing as it was, the coaching staff and players are looking forward to the 1998 season with the hopes of heading to Rutgers University for another shot at the championship."

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SIDELINES

Were The Baseball Gods Smiling?

by Trisha McGee '81

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omebody up there must be a baseball fan.

It would be difficult to believe otherwise. How else to explain this turnaround?

Washington College begins the season compiling an 0-6 record in Florida — where the pitchers combined on an embarrassing ERA of 12.55 and the Shoremen collectively hit .231. At midseason Ed Athey, in his 37th year as coach, decides it would be his last. Then, on the final day of the season, a real "bluebird day" bursting with brilliant sunshine and mellowed by a warm and gentle breeze, Washington sweeps Gallaudet in a pair of slaughter rule-shortened games. This gives Athey his first-ever season of 20 or more victories.

The trials of the season, with perhaps a little help from the gods of baseball, had yielded a final triumph for Athey, the man and the coach.

Baseball at Washington College never draws much of a crowd. But, on April 30, with Ed Athey poised to retire, the aluminum bleachers of Athey Field were near capacity. The captive audience included three generations of the Athey family, friends, former players, the college administration and other worthies. "I didn't know when this day would come. I still don't believe it," Athey said in brief remarks before his Shoremen took the field. Then with the graciousness for which Athey is known, he stepped out of the spotlight and directed attention to his assistant coaches, John Scott, Al Streelman '69 and Steve Sandebeck '73, the latter two who played for Athey, senior captains Jarrett Pasko, Tim Pilarski and Scott Quinn, and the 16 other young men who were the 1997 Shoremen.

"They have done a good job," said Athey, gesturing to the team that stood behind him. "I've got a wonderful group of coaches and I couldn't go out with a better team." Athey recounted the early trials of the season. "We came back from Florida 0-and-6, the guys had their heads down but they were trying to get it together. They took it on their own to turn things around. Since we've been back from Florida, we are 19-and-13."

The Shoremen finished the season with six straight wins, sweeping Gettysburg, Wesley and Gallaudet, 12-1 and 12-2 on the final day, to gift-wrap and deliver to Athey a 21-win season — his best ever. In a typical Athey gesture, he cleared his bench during the Gallaudet doubleheader so that everyone could be a part of his moment.

"Ed Athey," President John Toll remarked, "is a living example of the qualities of leadership and service embodied by George Washington and Bill Smith. He is a superb example of how to behave. He will be impossible to replace, but he leaves a legacy of caring and the love of sports for sports' sake."

PHL 496: The Philosophy *of* Kevin Brien

IF HE COULD BE ANY OBJECT FOUND ON A DESK, HE'D BE A BUG. Why? "Because it's alive." This, better than anything I could write, sums up the personality and outlook of philosophy professor Kevin Brien.

YOU'VE SEEN HIM around campus, the tall guy with glasses and long slowly-graying hair pulled back into a ponytail. He's been described as a hippie, but would you believe that this gentle professor of philosophy once had the short hair of a Marine Corps enlistee? As he puts it, "[My hair then] was a little different from my hair now." Brien joined the Marines during a peace-time era in an effort to see a world different from the quiet Cambridge, MA, neighborhood in which he grew up. It turns out his vision of the Marines was a little different from what he actually experienced.

"I thought we would do a lot of camping," he says. "We did some camping, but we did a lot of other stuff too." Initially harassed by officers in order to test his toughness, Brien was made the section leader of his platoon when he proved he could "let the psychological stuff just roll off" him. This man who had once been a shy high-schooler now became in charge of directing 75 Marines during any absence of his drill instructor. Brien is proud of how well he carried out his leadership duties without prior experience, but also smilingly told me of the time he was asked to march his platoon as well as several others out of the woods. No problem, except for the fact that on the way in, he had been watching not the path but "the form of the tree against the background of the sky and the way the grass moves here, and the way the flowers come up."

It was in the Marines that Brien first started reading philosophy. On a four-day pass to Washington, DC, he picked up the *Dialogues of Plato* in a book shop, and the rest, as they say, is history. But Brien's interest in philosophy goes back much further and deeper, to two things that lie at the heart of who he is but that don't seem at first glance to have much to do with Plato or Marx or Buddha: his aunt and foreign films.

If you've ever taken a class with Professor Brien, you've heard him talk about his aunt. Although she's a Catholic nun, Brien describes Sister Rose Marie O'Callahan as "a living Buddha." During World War II she taught in the Philippines and was subsequently imprisoned in a concentration camp: in all her time there, she never expressed any resentful feelings against her captors but had only compassion for the enemy. Now, although she is elderly and in pain, she is still smiling and full of joy.

Brien calls his aunt his most important teacher. She taught him how to look at people holistically, accepting their imperfections and "warts." Brien associates this with "recognizing the Buddha nature within" and attributes a large part of his interest in Buddhism to her. It is not her doctrines, which are of course Catholic, but the spiritual manner in which she deals with people and the general way she lives which Brien compares to Buddhist practices.

The other essential catalyst for Brien's awareness of Eastern thought was an interest in foreign films during his adolescence. As can be expected, the exposure to other cultures' modes of

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Spend enough time around philosophy professor Kevin Brien and your breathing slows, your senses sharpen, and a sense of peaceful calm envelopes you. The philosophy professor strives to stay in tune with his creativity and his spirituality, and to "live in the present."

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life and religious and philosophical perspectives allowed Brien to "break out of his cultural limitations." More interestingly, Brien also states that although he does not believe in reincarnation in a literal sense, the movies caused powerful feelings in him which were almost as if he had been exposed to them in the past.

The beauty of the films and the artifacts portrayed in them continued a process which had begun earlier in his life when he first came in contact with Eastern objects: a feeling of connection he calls "primal" and the reawakening of an aesthetic sense left dormant by years of Catholic school. This jump-started aestheticism led to an interest in additional Eastern and then Western art forms: music, architecture, sculpture and other visual arts, as well as a spiritual appreciation for the natural world around him.

"The aesthetic and the spiritual are really two sides of the same reality," says Brien. After his "juices began to flow and spread" and he began to experience "thoughts that [he] couldn't articulate," he was primed for an interest in Eastern philosophy. He began, as previously mentioned, with general philosophic readings during his time in the Marine Corps. The Eastern interest really took off when he began to do some creative stuff with his hands, making various artifacts of his own. He designed and built his own furniture which he says others describe as Moorish or Oriental-looking. The integration of the tactile with the aesthetic sense provided an "experiential base for understanding the philosophies" which he then began to read.

Asked what his personal philosophy/religion is now, Brien hesitates to label it. "It's an ongoing, flowing river that has many different currents which have fed into it and are still feeding into it." Like Nietzsche, he is concerned with living in a way that recognizes the interconnection of all things and includes an enlivened aesthetic sensibility. Living "in the present, in touch with your creative juices" is very important to Brien. If you are taking his Buddhism class, or know a bit about its philosophy, and think this sounds especially Buddhist, you're right. There's a definite overlap between existentialism as Brien sees it and Buddhist beliefs and practices. Both philosophies embrace the idea that "reality is process is flux"; the difference Brien sees between them is that the Buddhist awareness of interconnectedness in the world includes an interconnection between people: the individual not against others but *with* them.

The third essential piece of Brien's personal philosophy is contributed by what he calls a "non-orthodox, non-stereotypical" interpretation of Marxism. The Marxist spiritual dimension Brien sees as very closely related to Buddhism, and it is this connection that he is in the process of exploring in his second book, a project that will take another 15-20 years to complete.

"The heart of Buddhism pulsates and breathes within the framework of Marxist philosophy," Brien says. Or, as a Buddhist monk in India told him when he traveled there on a pilgrimage in 1993, "Marx thinking, Buddha thinking, same thinking." Brien calls this man his "one-line teacher," because those were the only words exchanged between the two men who were previously strangers until they walked past each other and smiled in greeting. In those six words, without having any reason to know Brien's interest in the two philosophies, the monk convinced Brien that his work was on the right path.

This reassurance was especially important because of a personal dilemma Brien continues to have today: how to balance his time and energy between a full-time teaching job and work on the exhaustive project of a second book. He feels that he has a moral imperative to carry the philosophic endeavor through, but also believes that teaching, as one of the noblest professions, holds a moral imperative for him as well.

Several years ago Brien came close to giving up his position and moving to India to live and write in a mud hut because of what he calls "a dark period" in the College's history. It was during those years that he felt the students did not value the education they were getting, and his teaching did not seem existentially meaningful. Recently, however, Brien has been heartened and "profoundly touched" by a change in attitude from students. Once again he feels as if the extensive work he does to prepare for his classes is worth the time and effort because of the enthusiastic response he receives.

Anyone who has taken a class with Brien can testify that it is an experience that changes one's life in one sense or another. His commitment to teaching and his love for the material are both obvious and inspirational. These factors are what make his classes so much more than classes and the learning so much more than intellectual. Brien's interest and excitement really make the material come alive; students can't help but examine it closely and consider its application to their own lives. After taking Brien's existentialism class I decided I was an existentialist; now in Buddhism, I want to be a Buddhist as well. Although he says he doesn't want to be anyone's guru ("I'm not even my own guru," he asserts), Brien enjoys quite a cult following among those who have taken classes with him.

There is so much more I could say about Professor Brien. His life has been, and is, an incredible collage. Apart from being a college professor and a writer, Brien has spent time as a kindergarten substitute teacher, hospital orderly, radar technician, hardware clerk, janitor, carpenter, night watchman, and private detective. He enjoys painting, Hatha yoga, racquetball, cooking, riding his bike, and listening to a wide variety of music, sometimes joining in on his Indian drums. He plays the flute a little, makes sculptures along with his hand-made furniture and does some "creative scribbling" which mixes stories with "philosophical stuff." He doesn't have a favorite color, because he likes them all and doesn't want to be fixated on one. More than 100 books have had a profound influence on him, including Dostoyevsky's *Brothers Karamazov*, a number of Shakespeare and Greek plays and the standard fare of Faulkner, Steinbeck and Hemingway.

The above list of Brien's activities and interests is in no way exhaustive (as he says, "what *don't* I like to do?"), just as the conclusion of this article is in actuality only a beginning. I could have written at least one more article from the material I gathered in our three-hour interview, and I know that that in itself only touched on the life and living of this man.

Although I had originally planned to concentrate on Brien's Buddhist practices, once he started talking I realized that I could not so strictly restrain my focus. Brien is so much more than "that Buddhist teacher": he is as multifaceted as the way light will fall on different leaves in a forest while a young, aware Marine watches and wonders and gets himself lost.

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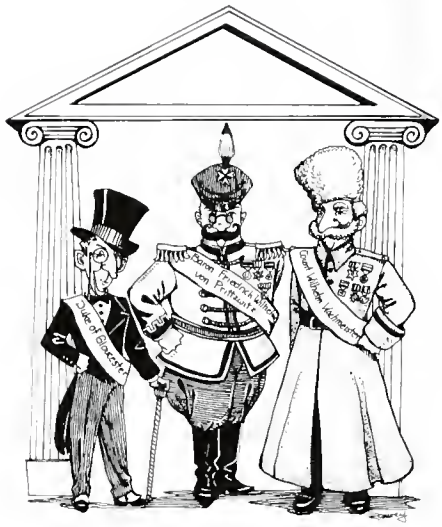
The Royal & Noble ALUMNI of Washington College



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DURING THE PAST 215 YEARS, WASHINGTON COLLEGE HAS awarded honorary degrees to five Presidents of the United States, two Chief Justices of the Supreme Court and a large assortment of other distinguished citizens, including judges, governors, senators, Congressmen and captains of art, science and industry, but only three of these honorary alumni were drawn from the ranks of royalty and nobility.

THESE THREE, IN ORDER, were a German Baron, an English Duke, and a Swedish Count. This sparse record may be due, in part, to the fact that the College was named in honor of a man who spent seven years of his life trying — successfully — to break the bonds which held him and his fellow Americans as subjects of King George III of England and his Court of Royal and Noble supporters, and to the further fact that the U.S. Constitution forbids a citizen to accept "a title of any kind whatever from any king, prince or foreign state."

But whatever its reasons were, the first College named in honor of George Washington waited 150 years before deciding, in 1932, to award an honorary degree to a foreign nobleman: Baron Friedrich Wilhelm von Prittwitz und Graffron, of Germany.

It may surprise some alumni to learn that the first honorary degree to a nobleman went to a German instead of Washington's close friend and protégé, the French Marquis de Lafayette, but there were good reasons for this. One was that, prior to 1900, all the honorary degrees granted by Washington College were Doctor of Divinity (D.D.) degrees to ministers, except for the one L.L.D. degree to George Washington in 1789. Perhaps another reason why Baron Friedrich Wilhelm von Prittwitz was the first nobleman to be awarded an honorary degree by the College was that another German nobleman, Baron Friedrich Wilhelm von Stueben, had been just about as useful to Washington during the Revolutionary War as Lafayette had been. In fact, he may have been even more useful because while Lafayette had learned the art of war from Washington, von Steuben knew more about that subject than Washington did and had trained Washington's green troops at Valley Forge. So if it was too late to honor Baron von Steuben why not give the honor to Baron von Prittwitz? They both had the same first two names.

But the real reason was that von Prittwitz, in 1932, was the German Ambassador to the United States and was also a personal friend of Dr. Paul E. Titsworth, President of the College. Dr. Titsworth was looking for a dignitary to help celebrate the 150th anniversary of the College, and to be sure of getting one he invited three: the Baron, the Governor of Maryland (Albert C. Ritchie) and Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, then Secretary of the Interior and former President of Stanford University. To Dr. Titsworth's mixed delight and dismay, all three accepted, so room had to be made for a speech by each at the celebration exercises.

I listened to all three speeches. The first two, by Gov. Ritchie and Secretary Wilbur, were political and not very memorable, but

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the speech by von Prittwitz was a masterpiece of diplomacy. The Baron praised George Washington, the American people, the State of Maryland, the Eastern Shore, the Chester River, Dr. Titsworth, and Washington College for its age and wisdom. If a diplomat's job is to create goodwill for his country in the nation where he is assigned, then the Baron's speech was superb. Unfortunately, Adolf Hitler became the dictator of Germany in 1933 and no diplomat could have saved Germany after that. Apparently sensing this fact, von Prittwitz resigned from his post in 1933 and lived as a private citizen without ever being tarred by the infamous Nazi party. He died in 1955.

This first venture by the College into honors for foreign nobles turned out so well that it might have been repeated fairly quickly but it was not. Washington College waited until 1980, nearly half a century, before giving another honorary degree to a foreign nobleman. This time it was the English Duke of Gloucester, a descendant of King George III himself!

THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER received an honorary doctor of fine arts degree on May 3, 1980 — for two reasons. First, he was a good friend of Arthur Houghton, longtime friend of Washington College (Honorary Doctor of Literature, 1953) and President of Steuben Glass Company. Second, Houghton owned an estate on Wye Island, Queen Anne's County, and the County decided to celebrate the 275th anniversary of its founding that year. Whereupon, Houghton decided it would be a fine thing if a descendant of Queen Anne herself came over from England to help with the celebration, and an equally fine thing if Maryland's oldest College showed it had shed any lingering resentment of English royalty by offering the Duke an honorary degree. College President Dr. Joseph H. McLain, the faculty, and the Board of Governors all agreed and so it was done.

There were several things which made the Duke of Gloucester's honorary degree a memorable one. First, it was awarded by Dr. McLain and a selected group of faculty dignitaries — all in their academic robes — in the public square in Centreville, seat of Queen Anne's County, instead of at the College. Then when the Duke and his Royal Duchess came to have lunch at the Hynson-Ringgold House it was noted by Board member James Nelson that the Duke did not at all resemble that earlier and more famous Duke of Gloucester made immortal by Shakespeare in the "Tragedy of King Richard III." That Duke of Gloucester described himself as "deformed, unfinished, sent before my time into this breathing world, scarce half made up, and that so lamely and unfashionable that dogs bark at me as I halt by them."

Actually the Duke was a rather handsome fellow and the McLain's dog, Sandy, did not bark at him when he patted Sandy on the head in the Hynson-Ringgold kitchen. The Duke was also very much at ease in his conversation with the commoners at lunch and told a story which greatly amused those seated near and across the table from him. This story came when Arthur Houghton said he was "74 years old and getting older every day." The Duke laughed and said Houghton reminded him of a story about Queen Victoria which he had often heard repeated in the Royal Family. When she was about 75 years old, the Queen, one day, said to Lord Alfred Paget, a member of her Court: "Lord Alfred, we are both growing old," and the gallant Lord Alfred replied: "Yes, your Majesty, it is a privilege denied to many."

The third noble alumnus of Washington College was Count Wilhelm Wachmeister of Sweden who visited the College in 1982 to participate in its 200th anniversary celebration.

THE COUNT was a substitute for King Carl XVI Gustav who had been invited because I told Dr. Peter Tapke, cochairman of the celebration committee, that the King's distant ancestor, Gustavas Vasa, had been the hero of a pageant presented by Washington College students when George Washington visited the College in 1784, and then presented again in 1932 for the College's sesquicentennial which had featured Baron von Prittwitz. The King sent his regrets and nominated Count Wachmeister to come in his place. I learned in later contacts with King Carl XVI Gustaf that this was an old custom of his, but when the Count arrived I learned there was an additional reason.

Count Wachmeister spoke English as easily as the Duke of Gloucester had and he told me, using his best diplomatic style, that King Carl was not a descendant of the heroic Gustavas Vasa even though his name suggested he was. Instead, he said the King was descended from the French Marshall Bernadotte, whom Napoleon had placed on the throne of Sweden when Napoleon was sweeping across Europe, deposing existing kings and replacing them with his brothers. Napoleon ran out of brothers when he reached Sweden so he placed his favorite Field Marshall, Bernadotte, on the throne of that country. Bernadotte was such a skilled ruler that he kept the throne even after Napoleon met his waterloo and wound up on the island of St. Helena. The Count was as skillful a diplomat as Baron von Prittwitz had been in 1932 and did his best to keep my ignorance of Swedish history from embarrassing me too much. He laughed heartily when I told him I had been a spear carrier in the Gustavas Vasa pageant in 1932 but for some reason had missed the 1784 presentation.

When Mark Twain was at the height of his literary fame, around 1890, he traveled widely in Europe and wherever he went was entertained by emperors, kings and lesser members of the royalty and nobility but he was more amused than impressed by his royal and noble hosts. He was also amused by the fact that most Americans, despite what was said in the Declaration of Independence, were secretly impressed whenever they met a Duke, Count, Baron or Earl, and liked to brag about their noble acquaintances. Old Mark said that he never tried to impress his fellow Americans by mentioning the many royals and nobles he had met in Europe and wrote in his memoirs that "Today I can look on calm and unmoved when a returned American is casually and gratefully playing the earl he has met; I can look on silent and unexcited and never ask to call his hand, although I have three kings and two emperors up my sleeve."

A full house of three kings and two emperors is surely a poker hand strong enough to win most pots, and the Washington College alumni association cannot come close to it since, so far, we do not even have two of a kind, but will still have a long way to go before beating Mark Twain's full house of three kings and two emperors. Even in the year of 2097, we will probably be short of that goal since kings and emperors are disappearing at an alarming rate all over the world, but three more Dukes would give us four of a kind, which is a good hand in any honest poker game.

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Linda Cades enjoys working with WC alumni as well as students.

Career Center Extends Network To Alumni

THIS JOB IS OK, but I'm ready for more challenge." "I'm considering law school, but I don't know how to prepare for the LSAT. " "I'm unhappy with my job, but I don't know what kind of job I want." These are typical problems facing people in the work force that the Washington College Career Development Center can help you solve.

The Career Development Center offers a variety of services including career counseling, vocational testing, career information, networking, graduate and professional school advising, resumé writing and job search assistance. While most of their work is with undergraduates, Director Linda Towne Cades '68 and Assistant Director Vicky Sawyer also field calls from alumni.

"They are usually more focused about their career development than they might have been as students," notes Cades. "We can handle a question over the phone or through e-mail, or meet in person. While our time is obviously limited by the needs of students, we're happy to fit alumni into our schedule as time permits to help them achieve their career goals."

According to Cades, alumni also can be involved in the Career Development Center as sources of career information and networking, for undergraduates and for each other. "Both students and alumni frequently call to ask how to get into banking or who could they talk to about positions on Capitol Hill. Our Career Consultant file and the Career Networking list in the 1997 edition of the Washington College Alumni Directory provide a wonderful network of people who can offer advice, information, and contacts."

In addition, the Career Development Center posts full-time, part-time, or summer job or internship positions alumni need to fill. "Some alumni enjoy coming to campus to recruit and hire outstanding new employees that way. Others prefer to fax or e-mail a job or internship description. We can make our students and those on our alumni job hunter list aware of opportunities our alumni or their companies have to offer," said Cades. The Career Development Center is also developing a web site where such positions can be advertised.

If you need career assistance or if you want to offer your assistance as a career consultant or to post a job or an internship, you can reach either Linda Cades or Vicky Sawyer Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (410) 778-7890, ext. 7892. The Career Development Center fax number is (410) 810-7108. Or e-mail: linda.cades@washcoll.edu

LOOKING AHEAD

Reunion Donors to Help Renovate Bill Smith

Mark your calendars for Alumni Reunion 1998, May 14-17, and give an old friend a helping hand. All gifts collected from Honored Reunion Classes will be used for the rehabilitation of "Bill" Smith Hall. Hard-hat tours on May 16 of our campus's most historic building will show how your generosity impacts the education of future generations.

Two Alumni Elected To Board

EDWARD M. Athey '67 and William B. Johnson '40 were chosen by the Alumni Association in the 1997 general election as alumni representatives to the Board of Visitors and Governors. Each will serve a six-year term from July 1997 until July 2003.

Ed Athey is President of FAM&M Inc., an indepen-

dent insurance agency in Chestertown, MD. Past President of the WC Alumni Association and former Chairman of the Community Campaign, Ed will continue to serve on the Sho'men Club and Hall of Fame boards, and as co-Chair with Louis L. Goldstein '35 of the Daly Hall and William Smith Hall Committee.

Alumni reelected William B. Johnson '40 to his third term as trustee. Johnson, who lives in Chicago, is retired President and CEO and Chairman Emeritus of Illinois Central Railroad, retired President and Chairman Emeritus of Illinois Central Industries Inc., now Whitman Corp., Chicago, IL. He also is past President of the Washington College Alumni Association, former Chairman of the Washington College Annual Fund, and recipient of the 1961 Alumni Citation. Johnson and his family established WC's Rufus Johnson '42 Scholarship Fund and provided leadership gifts for the Benjamin A. Johnson '11 Lifetime Fitness Center.

In accordance with the Charter of Washington College, twelve of 37 College trustees are elected by alumni for six-year terms. In addition to attendance at quarterly Board meetings and many committee sessions, the responsibilities of trustees include: defining the mission of the College; establishing and overseeing the budget; authorizing capital improvements and expansions; seeking greater resources for enhancements and endowments; and reviewing all matters related to academic policies and College affairs.

Nominations for future elections may be submitted by alumni-at-large to the Alumni Council Nominating Committee in care of the WC Alumni Office.

Cyberspace Reunion Planned For October

WHETHER you're in Hong Kong, Honolulu, Helsinki, or Rock Hall, you can meet Washington College President John Toll, College officers, professors, current students and alumni pals at this electronic luncheon conversation hosted by the Alumni Council. On Thursday, October 23, from noon until one o'clock, alumni are invited to WC's first Reunion in Cyberspace. This WC Forum is linked to our WC Homepage <www.washcoll.edu> and from there you can wander around campus to meet old and new friends. Drop into the President's Office to ask what's keeping him busy. Stop by the Alumni Office to tell us what's keeping you busy. Look for your friends in your Reunion "chat rooms." Make plans to see them again at that other Reunion in Chestertown, May 14 - 17.

From our Homepage you can also link into the new WC Alumni e-mail Directory. All alumni traveling in cyberspace will always have a home at Washington College. Your electronic address and the e-mail addresses of your schoolmates can be accessed simply by firstname.lastname@washcoll.edu. This is a service of the Washington College Office of Computing and Technology, Alumni Office, and Harris Publishing Co. You can also access the Alumni Calendar of Events, schedule for Reunion 1998, and alumni photos from our Homepage. Visit virtual WC on the net soon.

AOπ Salutes Hilda Micari

HILDA Ott Micari '38 was one of 100 outstanding Women of Achievement saluted by members of the national Alpha Omicron Pi fraternity (AOπ) during their centennial celebration this past summer.

"The efforts of these 100 sisters have resulted in significant progress toward making the world a better place in which to live and have highlighted the contributions of women in our society," noted Jeanne Hays Crippin, one of the AOπ celebration organizers.

Hilda Micari '38

At the height of her professional career, Micari was a highly respected executive with Western Electric Company where she was Chief of Employment, College, and Education Relations for 10,000 employees. While there she began the "Adopt-a-School" program whereby Baltimore companies initiated students to the world of work. She was the first woman to receive the Washington College Alumni Service Award for her service on the Board of Visitors and Governors and on the Student Affairs Committee. Through her presidency of the Baltimore District of Federated Women's Clubs she focused on the "Erasing Illiteracy" program for disadvantaged students. Now retired, she remains active on several charitable boards.

ALUMNI TRAVELS

Beautiful Biological Bermuda

Kristina Tatusko Henry '88 (third from left) organized an alumni trip to Bermuda in June. The alumni group — mostly from Talbot County — were part of a scientific expedition led by biology professor Don Munson and his team of undergraduate explorers at the Bermuda Biological Station for Research. In addition to coral reefs and bird sanctuaries, this team of WC scientists was also spotted near the island's shopping district and local pubs. For information on alumni trips, contact the Alumni Office, 800-422-1782, ext. 7812.

1931

EDWARD L. STEVENS
of Clarkesville, GA, turned 91 on April 12, 1997. Stevens was inducted into the Washington College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994.

1936

ELIZABETH RUSSELL THIBODEAU
is the new 30s Decade Representative on the Washington College Alumni Council. Betty replaces long-time Decade Member Charley Clark '34, who resigned from the Council after decades of loyal service.

1938

AUDREY CLOUGH JOHNSON, CARRIE SCHRIEBER AND HELEN SHALLCROSS
are steering their 60th Class Reunion.

HILDA OTT MICARI
was selected to Alpha Omicron Pi National Sorority's list of "100 Women of Achievement." To commemorate the sorority's centennial celebration, 100 women were identified as examples of highest achievers. Hilda was chosen for her professional achievement with Western Electric Company and for her service programs that she implemented while at Western and thereafter. AOπ acknowledged Hilda's honors at Washington College. She was the first woman to receive the Washington College Service Award and served on the Board of Visitors and Governors.

BILL THOMPSON
was honored as "Citizen of the Day" in San Clemente, CA, on April 24, 1997. Dr. Thompson was described in an article as "a man of strength and character. Anyone associated with him in any way recognizes it and feels the better for knowing him" (*Sun Post News*, San Clemente). For the past eight years, Thompson has worked four days a week at Ocean Hills Weight Clinic in San Juan Capistrano. He serves on the Board of the Leo F. Fessenden Adult Day Health Care Center and the Senior Center and was made responsible for the Wagner Trust for the San Clemente Seniors.

1939

HARRY J. HICKS, JR.
reports that his children and wife gave him a surprise 80th birthday party on April 14, 1997. Forty-three people, mostly family members, attended. He has 14 children and 39 grandchildren.

1940

NATHAN SCHNAPER
is retiring as Professor of Psychiatry Oncology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. As Professor Emeritus, he will work 20-30 hours at the Greenebaum Cancer Center at University of Maryland Hospital. He still wishes he could work more. He sends regards to John, Bob and others.

1942

MINOR STEELE KELLEY
reports the death of her husband, Thomas L. Kelley, on March 27, 1997. Thomas was a veteran and held a bachelor's degree in metallurgical engineering from Yale University. He and Minor were married in 1943 in Rome, NY. He is also survived by one son, Thomas G. Kelley, one daughter, Minor L. Kelley, one sister, two grandchildren and one great-grandson.

1948

ANNE BURRIS AND DON DERHAM
are co-chairing your 50th Reunion this May. Mark May 15, 16 & 17, 1998 on your calendars now. Call the Alumni Office, 800-422-1782, ext. 7812, for more information.

Mary E. Reinwall Allspach Reeser '60 (pictured with Dr. Sam Meek, Superintendent of Talbot County Schools) was recognized as the 1997-98 National Distinguished Principal for Maryland. A 30-year veteran of public school education in three states, she has been principal of White Marsh Elementary School in Trappe, MD, for the past five years. Under her leadership, Meek said, the school has distinguished itself in terms of student performance, staff allegiance and community support and involvement.

1949

LOIS PROCTOR PARKER
retired from Montgomery County Public Schools in 1990. She stays busy serving on the Board of Trustees of St. John's Episcopal School in Olney, MD, taking part in church activities and doing a little consulting. She also spends time with family and friends and travels. She recently saw other WC graduates at Nancy Smith '50 and Hank "Boots" Shetterly's '50 home.

BIX WHEELER
retired from the Baltimore County Board of Education as Associate Superintendant of Schools in 1981. Bix earned a master's degree from the University of Maryland (1955) and a D.Ed. from Auburn University in 1972. His wife, Joy Gettel Wheeler '48, is on this year's 50th Reunion committee.

1950

TOM OWEN KNIGHT
has published a book of his songs and recitations. He also has a CD out with some of his latest songs.

1952

JEDIAH K. AHERN
formerly Kay Heigh Ahern, is living in Marsfield, NSW in Australia. She is in marketing strategies for Lateral Lines LTD.

1953

PEGGY BRIMER LEONARD
retired from the Maryland House of Delegates in June. She is residing in Annapolis near her grandchildren.

CHUCK AND GAIL WAESCHE
hosted six Washington College students in their home last June. The students were participating in Odyssey of the Mind at the University of Maryland.

1954

BOB APPLEBY
was elected to a two-year term as the Durham County Republican Party Chairman. Appleby is also President of the newly formed non-profit corporation, Helping Others Progress Effectively, Inc., or Operation Hope (a program dedicated to keeping youngsters away from a life of crime). The program's executive director and founder, Arthur Lee West, and Appleby are referred to as the "Tag Team" by Durham's *The Herald*. As Chairman of the Northwest Durham Partners Against Crime, Chairman of the Durham Civic Center Authority, and a member of Police Chief Jackie McNeil's task force on city homicides, he knows the importance of intervention in young, at-risk teens. Appleby and his wife of 40 years have decided that Durham is a good place to retire. They have four married children and ten grandchildren.

1955

ROSEMARY HATEM BONSACK
was elected to the Board of Directors, American Academy of Family Physicians in September 1996. In March 1997, Rosemary was selected as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women. She also serves as an alumni-elected trustee on WC's Board of Visitors and Governors.

1957

D. LEONARD "LEN" WISE
is President and CEO of Carolina Steel Corporation in Greensboro, NC.

1958

BOB AND ANN HURST '57 CLEAVER
are putting together their 40th Reunion Committee with Dick and Ellen Green '59 Reilly. Bob and Ann are active leaders of the Kent and Queen Anne's Alumni Chapter.

DICK REILLY
retired from Marsh and McLennan Cos in NYC just in time to become social chairman of his class's 40th Reunion in May (May 15, 16 & 17). He and Ellen '59 are the proud grandparents of Katie, age one, the daughter of their son, Mike '85 and daughter-in-law Cindy Ray '87. Dick says that many fellow classmates have already said they will attend Reunion. If any classmates have not heard from Dick regarding Reunion, please contact him through the Alumni Office at WC 800-422-1782.

1959

BOB BELSLEY
retired from the Federal Government in January 1997. He held the position of Financial Management Officer for the Bureau of Health Professors, Department of Health and Human Services. Bob is now restoring '50s cars, surfing the Internet, enjoying life and traveling with his wife Sandy.

BILL PFEIFFER
is working for Nationwide Formalwear, Inc., West Chester, PA, where he is Director for Corporate Human Resources. He was remarried in May 1997.

1960

DEBORAH SHERIN AND HANK MARINDIN '61
are still living on their farm in northern Harford County, MD. They have three grandchildren that are too far away — one in California and two in upper New York.

1967

DR. MARVIN "MARTY" SMITH
represented Washington College at the inauguration of Charlene Drew Jarvis as ninth President of Southeastern University.

1968

MARY SIMPSON '67 AND DAN NUZZI
are planning a 30th Reunion celebration.

1969

BRIAN S. KIMERER
recently was promoted to Staff Engineer at Genus, Inc. of Newburyport, MA. Lauren Moon Kimerer '72 continues to do neuroanatomy research at

BIRTHS

To Ruth Christenson O'Brien '81, M'86 and husband, Thomas, a daughter, Kelly DeMik, on December 30, 1996. Kelly joins brother Evan, 5, and sister Kristen, 3.

To Elizabeth K. Edwardsen '82 and husband, Tim Beidel, a daughter, Harriet Lilah Edwardsen, on January 26, 1997.

To Victoria Carroll Gravini '90 and husband, Stephen, a daughter, Maddalena Diane, (pictured) on May 19, 1997.

To Holli Mathison Maloney '82 and husband, Timothy, drama professor at Washington College, a son, Conor Mathison, on February 9, 1997. Conor joins older brothers Sean, 8, and Brian, 6.

To Patrick Jones '84 and wife, Kiki, a son, Alexander Bernard, on July 12, 1997. Grandfather is Alexander "Sandy" Jones '41; Kathleen G. Jones '77 is Kiki's aunt.

To Betzy Deaconson '85 and Jack Willis '82, a son, Jake, on March 19, 1997. Jake joins older brother Luke, 7, and older sister, Sarah, 5.

To Ellen Hennessey Arthur '86, a son, Matthew Hennessey, on June 16, 1997.

To John Flavin '87 and his wife, Beth, a daughter, Kendall Shaye, on April 19, 1997.

To Tami Tomlinson-Miller '88 and husband David, a daughter, Hayley, on May 24, 1997. She joins brother Garrett, age 2.

To Janet Szabo '88 and Thomas Schuster '88, a daughter, Ellen Elizabeth, on July 1, 1997. She joins her big sister, Mariah, who is 5.

To Jennifer Yvonne Nyman '94 and husband, Sanford Franklin White, a daughter, Madeline Claire White (pictured), on January 14, 1997.

To Tarlie Albert '90 and husband Robert Usilton, a son, Benjamin Alexander, on June 27, 1997.

To Angela Henneman '90 and Mark Cavallaro '90, a daughter, Madeline (Maddie) Rose, on April 24, 1997.

To Vickie Vahos Bell '91, a son, Ryan, on March 14, 1997. Ryan joins older brother Adam, 2.

To Jenifer Grindle Dolde '92 and husband, Carl, a son, Joseph Carl, on July 17, 1997.

the Bedford V.A. Hospital. Their daughter, Danielle, will be a sophomore in high school next year and son William starts middle school next year.

KYLE MURPHY
says hello to friends who might remember him. He has lived in Japan since 1972 after five years as a Marine Officer. His daughter Alyssa, 18, will enroll at American University in the fall and son Scott, 15, studies at the American School in Japan. He would love to hear from old friends. His address is 1-18-5 Kitazawa, Setagaya Ku, Tokyo Japan 155. His e-mail address is kmgjapan@gol.com

LINDA SHEEDY
was re-elected to a second term as Treasurer for NJTESOL/ NJBE, (the New Jersey Professional Organization for English as a Second Language/ Bilingual Educators). She is supervisor for Bilingual/ESL Education in Camden, NJ, President of the Washington College South Jersey Alumni Chapter, member of the WC Alumni Council, and Alumni Admissions Representative volunteer for WC.

AL STREELMAN
is stepping to the plate as Washington College's new head baseball coach. Al has been the chief assistant coach since 1979. He succeeds Coach Edward L. Athey '47, who retired this May after 37 years of coaching.

1970

STEPHEN HARTLEY
writes: "Look for my textbook, *Concurrent Programming: The Java Programming Language*, to appear in 1998 (Oxford University Press). For preview, see http://www.mcs.drexel.edu/ ~shartley/conProgJava/ ."

BOB "BEEF" LEHMAN
has been promoted to Agency Resources Superintendent - Education and Art Development at the North Atlantic Regional Office of the State Farm Insurance Companies. He and his wife, Dottie, reside in Sarasota Springs, NY.

1972

STEVE GOLDING
is an associate with the firm of Miller, Anderson and Sherrerd in West Conshohocken, PA.

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MARRIAGES

August 23, 1997 was an auspicious day for several in the Washington family. Although it's difficult to keep a secret in Chestertown, two of WC's own managed it.

Pat Trams, director of Alumni Affairs (pictured), married William Hollingsworth in a surprise early morning ceremony aboard a fishing boat on the Chester River.

J. David Newell, professor and chair of WC's philosophy department, wed Beatrice Bowman in a surprise ceremony at their home near Chestertown. Family and friends gathered for an engagement party were asked to witness their vows.

Mark J. Hubley, assistant professor of biology, and his bride, Susan Mende, who had exchanged vows the previous day in Annapolis, celebrated their nuptials at the College's Lelia Hynson pavilion.

1973

MITCH MOWELL, STEVE SANDEBECK AND JOHN WAYNE
have recruited a core committee to organize their 25th Reunion celebration. Members are Betsy Murray Barry, Eric Ciganek, Andy Goddard, Mike Macielag, Todd Mulvenny, Gretchen Kratzer Starling, Willie Tyler, and Tom Washington.

SHARON TOHER STRAUSE
is an art therapist in private practice. Her husband and three children are doing well. Her daughter, Kimberly, is a junior at NYU - Tesch School for the Arts; son Kevin is a senior at Loyola High School and is ranked #2 in the state in boys (18s) tennis; and daughter Kristin is entering high school at NDP and is an accomplished artist.

1974

LINDA PELKE FENWICK
is still working for Quality Control as manager at BioWhittaker, Inc. Having a house built in the Florida Keys, she and her husband, Harry, are looking forward to an early retirement of fishing, scuba diving, and relaxing in the Florida sunshine.

RICHARD ROGERS
says after 12 years with county government, he is enjoying his second career working for W.P.I., an environmental policy firm in Arlington, VA. As Senior Manager for Communications, he develops public education campaigns and media outreach strategies. Prior to that he was Manager of Legislative Services concentrating on science, technology, and nuclear waste policy issues. Richard recently co-authored an article on financing emerging technologies entitled "Surviving the Valley of Death–A Comparative Analysis," published in the *Journal of Technology Transfer*, Fall 1996. The article was based on a co-authored background paper entitled "Understanding Valley of Death Issues in Federal R&D," prepared for a White House Conference, *Financing Environmental Technologies*, December 1994.

1975

BILL AMENT
is the Dean of Students, Athletic Director and Women's Varsity Soccer coach at Randolph School in Huntsville, AL, where he enjoyed another successful season.

1977

MARGARET KELLER
writes: "I traveled to Cuba during the 96-97 Christmas holiday for the Women of Americas Hemisphere Peace Initiative between U.S. and Cuba organized by Global Exchange." Seventy-five women from 17 states and 48 cities were in attendance. She organized a Humanitarian Relief project for the Disabled Cuban Organization, ACLIFIM. The Havana Cup Sailing Race from Tampa, FL, to Havana, Cuba, set 135 boats sailing on May 23rd carrying the AID. The AID included over 12 wheelchairs and $3,000 worth of urological supplies.

1978

KATE MACIELAG MAISEL AND SHELLEY SHARP
are assisting with promotion of their 20th Reunion.

1981

MOLLY MEEHAN NICOL
is living in England with her husband, James, and three children, David, 7, Sarah, 5, and Emily, 3. They are on assignment for IBM and expect to return to their home in Troy, MI, in 1998.

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STUART QUILLMAN
attended a happy hour with other South East Pennsylvania alumni where he and others helped Molly Hussman Ellis and Tom Washington '73 prepare invitations to the Dad Vail Regatta.

M1981

RANDY COLLINS
and his wife, Jeri, are running their own personal care products business out of Cambridge, MD.

1982

VIRGINIA KURAPKA KEENER
says that after three years in the Personnel Office of the US embassy in Cairo, she has been posted as head of General Services at the U.S. Consulate in Frankfurt. The mother of two sons, Miles, 3, and Alex, 15 mos., Ginger will be providing logistical and administrative support not only for the enlarged mission in Frankfurt after the move of the embassy from Bonn to Berlin, but also for several of the embassies opening up in the new republics of the old Soviet Union. She reports that "husband Brian makes an excellent wife."

1983

KATHY WURZBACHER CORRIGAN
is president/owner of Personal Management Services, Inc., specializing in personal and household assistance to senior citizens as well as freelance estate and trust administration assistance to attorneys. She and her husband, Brian F. Corrigan '83, are living in Towson, MD.

JEFF DONAHOE
writes: "I spent two weeks in Egypt this February and a week in Cairo visiting Ginger Kurapka Keener '82. Ginger, her husband Brian, and sons are great hosts. Then, I spent a week floating down the Nile. The culture — both ancient and contemporary — is amazing and not to be forgotten."

1985

MISSY COMBES
graduated from Wake Forest University with an MBA and hopes that everyone from the class of 1985 supports the WC Fund.

MOLLY HUSSMAN ELLIS
and husband Bob moved to Bryn Mawr, PA, from New York in 1996. Molly works in public relations for restaurants and retailers with Bard Associates in Philadelphia. Molly and Bob hosted President Toll, alumni fans, and the women's rowers for a picnic lunch at the Dad Vail Regatta.

DUNCAN A. C. GILKEY
works for Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc. as Director of Leasing for the Washington Design Center in Washington, DC. He has been married for ten years and has two boys, ages 3 and 7.

1986

ELLEN HENNESSEY ARTHUR
recently earned a Master of Laws in Taxation from the University of Baltimore. She is currently employed by the Baltimore law firm, Wright, Constable & Skeen.

WILLIAM C. FASSETT
is managing a law firm in Seattle. He lives across Puget Sound and takes the ferry to work. He is also half-owner of a property management firm in Bremerton, WA.

VALARIE SHEPPARD
is a new Member at Large member of the Washington College Alumni Council. She is an Associate Research Scientist at Human Performance Systems, Inc. in Hyattsville, MD.

1987

JOHN F. FLAVIN
happily reports that the reason he did not make his 10th reunion this May was because he and his wife, Beth, had their first child, Kendall Shaye, on April 19, 1997.

DAN FORZANO
reports: "After launching a couple of newspapers and a short stint as a book designer (kudos to Mike Kaylor and the Literary House Press) I launched and consequently became the Production Manager of *Windows Magazine* for almost three years. After *Windows*, I had had my fill of publishing and moved to California's sunny Silicon Valley where I took a job at Apple Computer, testing graphics and printing technology for two-and-a-half years. Currently, I am a self-employed consultant and trainer for publishers and graphic designers. Recently, I took a trip to Japan, followed by a week back in my native NY. I regret missing my fellow alumni at our 10th reunion, but was attending a wedding in Northern California. I am living in Cupertino, CA and would love to hear from any alumni. You can reach me at 10235 Parkwood Drive, # 7, Cupertino, CA 95014, forzano@sirius.com or Image@aol.com"

DONNA HORNEMAN HORNER
is engaged to marry Christopher Schneider on October 17, 1998. She writes: "I previously worked for the State of New Jersey and was responsible for ensuring that child care centers and providers comply with state laws. I also worked with the homeless individuals and families in Bergen County. I have made a career move into the 'corporate' world as I am currently working in the Sales and Marketing Department of Merit Behavioral Care Corporation in Park Ridge, NJ. However, I miss working with the state and county government a great deal—the state may be back in my immediate future ... well, maybe not until after the wedding!"

TONY LAZZARO
celebrated ten years with MBNA America and is now working in the company's new Insurance Division. The now-single Tony and his 5-year-old daughter Ashley, "Class of 2010," continue to spend time with: Tom McVan '87, Becky Cox McVan '89 and their son Conor "Class of 2012," Larry Brandt '87, Mollie Brandt and their son Eric "Class of 2014"; Chris Brandt '90 and Michele Brandt; Tiffany Quell Friedman '89, Jeff Freedman and new daughter Emily "Class of 2015"; Beth Munder Becker '88, Eric Becker '88 and their son Troy, "Class of 2014"; Sandy Coulter '89 - "the Woman of My Dreams," Dan Forzano '87, Dave Repko '86 and his life compan-

ion "Cow Girl" and Nick Ferrara '86, Deni Ferrara and daughter Natalia - and one on the way. Special message: "Hi Donna!", "Viva La - Theta Chi", "Scout is a STUD!", "Philadelphia Wings in 1998!"

1988

HAROLD SPANGLER
reports: "My wife and I have settled down in Winston-Salem, NC. I completed one year as a clinical instructor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University. Now I have started a new job staffing the Emergency Department of a hospital in Mount Airy, NC. My e-mail address is: spangler@bgsm.edu ."

1989

MARTI DYER WILSON
was hired as an editor with Science Applications International Corporation's Technical Publications Group in March 1997. She and her husband, Sam, are completing construction of their new home.

1990

ANGELA HENNEMAN AND MARK CAVALLARO
report the birth of their first child (see Births). Mark opened a mortgage banking firm in 1995, Prime Rate Funding Group, and has been very successful. Angela is working as a human resources specialist for MCI Telecommunications and is working on her master's degree at Johns Hopkins University.

BILL KERBIN
continues to work for the City of Pocomoke as a Section 8 Coordinator/Project Coordinator.

1991

JACQUE COLLINS
says, after two stints in Aspen and one in New York, she is now living in Richmond, VA. Jacque reports that Tamara Braunstein '91 is threatening to finally come back from Germany and might even take a job at VCU and be Jacque's roommate. "Everyone from Lamond's Chaucer class in the Spring 1988 will tell you to be very

MARRIAGES

Richard T. Kircher '85 to Kathleen M. Hussey, on May 31, 1997 at St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church in Topsfield, MA.

Caroline Williams '90 to William Anthony Featherston, on June 14, 1997 in Old Lyme, CT.

Michelle Harrison '93 to Stephen Dale Trissell, on July 12, 1997.

Jennifer Sloan '93 to William S. DiPaula on July 19, 1997. Sara Boggess '93 was Maid of Honor and Julie Dill '93, Sharon Davis Brogan '93 and Brigid DeVries '93 were in the wedding. The couple is residing in Parkville, MD.

Brian H. Ford '94 to Chrystian Renee Halter, on April 5, 1997 in New Castle, DE.

Jessica Boone '95 to David Morrison '89, M'93 on May 25, 1997 in Annapolis, MD.

Cheryl Bull '95 to Scott Overend '93 on March 15, 1997. Washington College graduates in the wedding were: Shelley Brown '95, Pam Hendrickson Boan '94, Joe Boan '93, Denise Coleman Hanifee '94, Amy Draper '95 and Geoff Rupert '94.

Elizabeth Carone '93 to Timothy Peters, Jr. '95, on August 3, 1996 in New York. Attendants included groomsman Terence McCabe '93 and bridesmaids Suzanne Fischer '95, Lisa Pruett '93, and Conci Pope '93.

More Marriages on page 27.

Sharon Davis '93 to David Brogan on September 7, 1996 in Easton, MD. WC alumni in attendance: Julie Dill '93 (Maid of Honor), Sara Boggess '93 (Bridesmaid), Brigid DeVries '93 (Bridesmaid), Jen Sloan '93 (Bridesmaid), Caroline Jensen '94 and Jason Campbell '95. After honeymooning in France and Switzerland, the couple returned to Atlanta where they currently reside.

MARRIAGES

Heather Jeanne Feezer '94 to Curt E. Snyder, on May 17, 1997. WC Alumni in attendance were (left to right) Christopher Wolf '95, Cary Kelly '95, Randy Newnan '94, James Baker '95 and Amy Hanes '95. The wedding was held at Our Lady of the Angels Chapel in Charlestown. The reception was held at Turf Valley Country Club in Ellicott City, MD. Heather is an addictions Counselor for the Division of Parole and Probation for the State of Maryland.

Andrew J. Parks '94 to Loula Alexandra Heffner, on July 13, 1996 in the Episcopal Church of Redeemer, Shelbyville, TN. Brian Gimelson '92 served as best man. An outdoor reception was help at the home of the bride's parents in Shelbyville.

Kate McBeth Towery '94 to Duncan Scott Yates on September 7, 1996 in Glyndon, MD. Pictured are: (left to right, top row): Dana Thurston '93, Mike Johnson '90, Kevin Doyle '92, Tim Riggins '94, Mitch Mowell '73, Jamie Carver '95, Stuart Warner '94, Angella Georghiou '94, David Ratta '94 (left to right bottom row): Michael Rafta '94, Susan Daisley Doyle '94, Kate Towery Yates '94, Duncan Yates, Julie Lippke '94 and Chris Jones '94. Not pictured, John Robbins '46.

Sarah White '94 to Jeff Slenker, on May 4, 1997 in York, PA. Sarah DeKuyper '93, Carrie Dougherty '93, Jane Kennedy Mack '93, Catherine Rogers '95 and Melana Walker '94 were bridesmaids. Other Washington College alumni in attendance: Matt Mullin '97, Tim Reath '96, Topher Head '95, Carolyn Athey '93 and Mary Price Wick '95. Sarah and Jeff live in Stratton, VT, and work for The Stratton Corporation.

scared because these two women shouldn't share a continent, let alone an apartment."

DON STEELE
is working for Genesis Direct in New York City.

1992

JENNY ALBERS
is living in Richmond, VA, where she works for Planned Parenthood. She began medical school at the Medical College of Virginia in August.

DAVID BRIGHT
has been accepted to George Washington Medical School.

PATRICIA KARNES
was awarded the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She has an internship at Community Hospital of Lancaster, Lancaster, PA.

KARYN IACANGELO KERRIS
is working for the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD, as a clerical assistant. In October 1996, she married Paul and the two reside in Olney, MD. She would love to hear from other alumni, e-mail her at: KK116w@nih.gov or drop her a line at: 18101 Marksman Circle, Apt. #101, Olney, MD 20832.

ERIC MCCORMACK
has been married to Brigitte Anne McCormack since November 1991. "I am the father of 9 cats and I live in Clarksville, TN. I am a Corporal in the US Army and am currently with 1st Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Campbell, KY. I am returning to school this fall at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville to major in Graphic Design. As a hobby, I repair, buy, sell, and collect computers (PCs, Amigas, Macs, Ataris, Suns, etc.). I also dabble in HTML, animation, stories and poetry. I have been sober for the last five years. My e-mail address is: earthshaker@datatek.com."

1993

NIURKA GOENAGA
returned to her hometown, Miami, FL, and is now a teacher and coach at her old high

school. Niki writes, "I have found my calling in education and will be eternally grateful to my mentors at WC for all the support they provided as I ventured into this new endeavor."

MARY LIZ MANNING
writes, "I have been living in Manhattan for the past three years and am loving it! Currently, I am working at Salomon Brothers, Inc., a global investment bank. I am working in the recruiting department for the sales and trading division."

LIZZY O'HARA AND PETER JONS
are co-chairing their 5th year Reunion this May. "Mark your calendars NOW — May 15, 16 & 17, 1998." If you have any ideas or if you would like to be on the Reunion planning committee, please call Carolyn Athey '93 in the Alumni Office, 800-422-1782, ext. 7812.

ELIZABETH CARONE PETERS AND TIMOTHY PETERS '95
are living in Glen Cove, NY. Liz recently completed her master's degree in early childhood and elementary education at Bank Street College. She teaches kindergarten on Long Island. Tim works for the CIT Group, an asset-based lending company in New York City.

1994

ALICIA L. ARCHER
received her juris doctor degree from the University of Baltimore School of Law on May 18, 1997.

SARAH GRISWOLD
is engaged to be married to Matt Johnson '94 in October 1997. Matt is in US Navy Seal training and will graduate in October.

JULIE LIPPKE
is engaged to Chris Jones '94. The two plan to marry this October in Ridgefield, CT.

ANDREW J. PARKS
and his wife, Loula, spent four weeks in Paris, Villa Ste. Anne on the French Riviera, Monaco, and Switzerland for their honeymoon. They both teach English at The Webb School in Bell Buckle, TN. A.P. coaches varsity baseball and is continuing graduate studies at Middle Tennessee State University. The two reside in Bell Buckle.

DOUG PETERSON
reports: "On the 14th of March, I was commissioned from Officer Candidate School as an Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve. I have now proceeded on to training as a Student Naval Aviator at NAS Pensacola, FL."

JOHN K. PHOEBUS
received a juris doctor degree from The Dickinson School of Law on May 31, 1997. He had previously been elected to The Woolsack Society, the law school's academic honor society.

NIKKI PICHOT
is living in Raleigh, NC, and is engaged to Jim Corderman. An October wedding is planned.

HEATHER FEEZER SNYDER
is an addictions counselor for the Maryland State Division of Parole and Probation.

SCOTT VERSTANDIG
had been working in the United States Senate for the past three years on the Committee of Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

STUART WARNER
is engaged to marry Karen Karch on September 12, 1998 in Indiana.

BRANDON WHITE
has taken fishy stories to a new dimension as the founding publisher and chief editor of *The Chesapeake Angler*, an angling magazine on the World WideWeb (www.chesapeakeangler.com). The electronic magazine features articles written by noted regional anglers on fly and light tackle fishing. It also contains articles addressing conservation issues, a fly tying corner, a chat room, and weekly fishing reports.

JENNIFER NYMAN WHITE
lives with her husband, Sanford Franklin White, and their new baby, Madeline Claire, in Kansas City, KS, where Jennifer's husband is in his third year of medical school at the University of Kansas.

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1995

ERIC DALESSIO
is working as a Research Engineer at the Sloan Center for Asynchronous Learning at Drexel University's College of Information Science and Technology.

LAURA C. FLYNN
is working on her counseling Ph.D. at the University of Utah this fall. She is excited about learning to ski and says the landscape painting will be "awesome."

SUSAN HUNTLEY
writes: "Susan Himmelheber '95, Laura Heidel '95, Kim Van Keuren '95, Karen Wright '95, Lainie Goldsmith '95, Monica McDowell '95 and Marianne Culbertson '95 invaded Susan Huntley's apartment in Atlanta for a long weekend reunion on April 12, 1997. They are still proving time and time again that our college friends are our best ones."

MAX WALTON,
'90s Decade Member of the Washington College Alumni Council, has succeeded Steve Attias '90 who recently moved near Atlanta, GA. Max is working in the New Castle County Law Offices and is attending Widener Law School.

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CHARLEE DARBY
was promoted to Marketing Representative for Aerotek's Maxim Group in Melbourne, FL.

MARK MURPHY
is working for an international ministry based in Chattanooga

IN MEMORIAM

Bernard Dubin, Esq. '31 died on October 10, 1996. He lived in Delray Beach, FL.

Evelyn Walbert Conyers died on March 27, 1997. She lived in Philadelphia.

Helen J. Atwater Paff '33 died of complications from a broken hip. She was an English teacher for the Anne Arundel County school system. Helen's late husband was the Rev. Harry L. Paff and she was active at All Souls Episcopal Church in South Baltimore. Helen was an accomplished artist who specialized in portraits and caricatures. She is survived by two sons, a daughter and six grandchildren.

Howard Edmund Clark '37 died on April 8 at his home in Anguilla, British West Indies. In New York, he had been an adjunct lecturer on labor/management relations and organizational management at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, chairman of the Board of Directors of Trayor Products, Inc., and chairman of the Selkirk Regional School Board. He was a lifelong member of the Rotary. After retiring as Vice President and Director of Employee Relations for Bay State Gas Company in Westborough, MA, in 1981, Clark moved to Anguilla where he helped improve the postal system. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, three sons, and eight grandchildren.

Walter Eley '38 died on March 3, 1997. He received a B.S. from Drexel University and a Ph.D. from University of Pennsylvania. Walter was a retired DuPont employee.

Edward Turner '38 died of cancer on June 7, 1997. He was 81 and a lifelong Centreville, MD, resident. At the time of his death, he was practicing law at the firm he founded, Turner & Turner. He was a state senator from 1950 - 1954 and served as Queen Anne's County state's attorney in 1946. After obtaining his law degree in 1941, Turner enlisted in the Navy and served with Naval Intelligence in the Pacific. He was discharged with the rank of lieutenant commander at the end of WWII. He is survived by his son, David E. Turner of Centreville, and two stepgrandchildren.

Elton "Ace" L. Wilmot '38 died April 18, 1997 in Waterbury, CT. While at Washington College, Ace was class president for two years, a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity, Silver Pentagon Society, Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, Student Council, LeCircle Francais and Varsity Club. An excellent athlete, he was inducted into the WC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991. He worked at American Brass Co. of Waterbury, retiring as assistant sales manager. He was a member of St. Anthony Church of Prospect. He is survived by his daughter, Doris Cheryl Wilmot of Waterbury.

Elizabeth Powell Ford '40 died on February 14, 1997 in Memorial Hospital, Easton, MD. She was a teacher and a guidance counselor in Queen Anne's County, MD. In 1980 she was elected to the Centreville Town Council and later served as its president. She was named Citizen of the Year for 1983-84 by the Centreville Lions Club and in 1996 she received the Outstanding Contribution and Dedication Award from the Centreville High School Alumni Association. She is survived by two daughters and two grandsons.

Samuel F. Ford '40 died in Wilmington, DE, on January 26, 1997. Sam was a bomber pilot in the Pacific in World War II, flying a modified B-24, remaining active in the Navy Reserve until 1982. After his release from active duty in November 1946, he returned to work at the DuPont Company where he was analytical chemist. He retired from DuPont in 1979. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Elizabeth; daughter, Linda Grieco; son, Allen; grandsons, Sam II and Wesley and a brother, Bill '40.

William E. Medford '40 died at his home in Salisbury, MD, on March 11, 1997. He grew up in Baltimore and retired from Western Electric after 35 years. He volunteered with a variety of organizations. He was regional director of four counties for the American Red Cross and was a member of Wicomico Presbyterian Church, where he served as a ruling elder. He is survived by his wife of 15 years, Joann, a son, a son and daughter-in-law, a stepson, three stepdaughters, two grandchildren, and 12 stepgrandchildren.

Shirley Faith de Guzman Bush '42 died on April 27, 1996 at her home in Lakeland, FL. She is survived by her husband, James O. Bush '41, one daughter, two grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Helen Bliss Brice Riedy '46 died on March 12, 1997. She lived in Chestertown most of her life but later moved to Newark, DE, where she taught at Brookside Elementary School for 22 years. Her interests included crafts, cross stitch and collecting antiques. Bliss is survived by her husband of 46 years, a son, a daughter, and a sister.

Joseph F. "Stoney" McLaughlin Jr. '48 died August 9, 1997 in Greensburg, PA. He was owner of the McLaughlin Oil Company. At Washington College, Stoney excelled at sports, particularly baseball, football and basketball. He is survived by his wife Pat, two sons, three grandsons, three sisters, and several nieces and nephews. Family and friends have established a memorial fund in his name at Washington College. Contributions may be sent to the Development Office, Washington College, 300 Washington Avenue, Chestertown, MD 21620.

James P. Rook, Sr. '48 of Oakland, MD, died of emphysema on April 26, 1997. He was an insurance agent for Nationwide Insurance for 19 years and later worked for the U.S. Postal Service until his retirement. He was a member of the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department for 23 years, was a 50-year member of the St. Paul's United Methodist Church and was past member of the Oakland-Mountain Lake Park Lions Club. He is survived by his wife, Beverly, brother H. Eugene Rook '46, a son, two daughters, and two grandchildren.

Tillman J. Gressitt '49 died suddenly at his home in Atlantic Highlands, NJ, on December 2, 1996. Born in Baltimore, MD, he attended Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, Washington College and Johns Hopkins University before joining the engineering staff at Bell Telephone Laboratories in Holmdel, NJ, retiring in 1989. He served as a navigator with the 484th Bomb Group in the European theater during World War II and flew with the United States Air Force Reserves until 1983 when he retired as Lieutenant Colonel. Tillman is survived by his wife, Pat Bacon Gressitt '47, four children, and four grandchildren.

Elizabeth White Seipp '49 died on June 23, 1997 of breast cancer at her Westminster, MD, home. She was a member of the Westminster Baptist Church and was employed as a WBAL-TV secretary from 1949 to 1958. She is survived

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by her husband of 39 years, Earl, two daughters, a brother, and a grandson.

James P. Brown, Jr. '50 died on December 31, 1996 of cardiovascular disease. After high school, Brown served in the U.S. Marine Corps in the Pacific during World War II, and later in the Korean Conflict. Following his military service, Brown graduated from WC, where he played running back on the football team. He had a long career as an analyst with the National Security Agency of the Department of Defense. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Pilchard Brown, a daughter, a son, five grandchildren, two step-children and his former wife, Jetta Parks Brown.

Henry Thomas Caldwell, Jr. '50 died on February 25, 1997 in Harford Memorial Hospital in Havre de Grace, MD. After graduating from WC, he received a degree in business administration and accounting from the University of California, Berkeley. He was a US Navy veteran and served as a corpsman in World War II and the Korean Conflict. He is survived by two sisters.

Richard T. Stenger '53 of Chestertown died on March 31, 1997. He worked for Vita Foods as a traffic manager for 12 years and later joined Dixon Valve and Coupling Co. where he retired as a personnel director after 18 years. A member of the US Air Force, Dick served in Germany during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Frank M. Jarman American Legion Post No. 36, served on the Chestertown Historical District Commission and was past president of the Chestertown Jaycees. Dick was also an artist with frequent local exhibits. He is survived by his wife, two sons, two daughters, a brother, Jack Stenger '49, a sister, Henrietta Lemen '58, and three grandchildren.

Hilary R. Curtiss '56 died on February 11, 1997 of a stroke at his Tennessee home. A former Towson, MD resident, Larry moved to Johnson City, TN, four months before his death. He retired in 1989 from Benefacts, Inc., where he had been a senior benefits consultant for 20 years. Earlier, he worked for Nationwide Insurance Co. in Baltimore and Annapolis. After graduating from Washington College, Larry served in the Army until 1958. He is survived by his mother, a son and daughter, a brother, two sisters, and three grandchildren.

Ray H. Bendiner '62 died of a massive heart attack in February 1996 while vacationing in Mexico.

Robert F. Lord, Jr. '62 died on February 5, 1997 of heart disease. At Washington College, Bobby was a member of the baseball and soccer teams. After graduating, he studied at the University of Tennessee and the University of New Mexico, obtaining a master's degree in mathematics. A school teacher, Bobby was an avid golfer and outdoorsman. He enjoyed bird and duck carving and was a professional-class carver, receiving many awards for his work. He is survived by his sister, Mary Ellen Lord Larrimore '86, M'88 of Easton, MD.

Geraldine Hinchie Duvall '63 died on March 18, 1997 in Annapolis, MD. She is survived by one son, Lee Duvall.

Sue Ann Donaldson Cook '64, of Ellicott City, MD, died on March 13, 1996. A teacher in the Howard County Public Schools since her college graduation, she had taught English at Dunloggin Middle School since 1973 and served as a role model for younger teachers, among them Margaret Handle St. Jean '80, with whom she worked for six years. "[In an open space classroom] I was able daily to observe a veteran, master teacher in action. And a master Sue was: of classroom management, public relations, curriculum, and certainly of the English language." She is survived by her husband, Russell H. Cook, Jr. '65, and a daughter, Jenna.

Polly Joan Quigley '73 of Malvern, PA, died on May 15, 1997 from a heart aneurysm resulting from Marfan Syndrome. At the time of her death, Polly was a Republican-endorsed candidate for Township Supervisor in Charlestown, PA. Polly was well-known for her love of gourmet cooking and her popular catering business, Spring Oak, Inc. A world traveler, she enjoyed bicycling and last year biked through Morocco. At home, Polly devoted countless hours to her Alpha Omicron Pi sisters. Polly is survived by a sister, Linda Isabella Quigley, and her cherished AOπ sisters.

Michelle Alio Simpson '79 died on April 28, 1997 in her home in Toledo, OH.

John Altman '89 died on Saturday, July 12, 1997 of complications from leukemia. He was 30. John was a former president of Lambda Pi Delta. In 1991 he founded The Keystone Organization, a fine home construction management company, in his hometown of Old Greenwich, CT. John is survived by his wife, Jennifer, and their daughter, Alexa. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the John Altman Fund, c/o Children for Tomorrow, 990 J Ave., Camarillo, CA 93010.

called the CBMC, The Christian Business Men's Committee. He will be writing and editing their newsletter, magazine, and web page.

MARK REYERO
is working full time for the Council for Advancement and Support of Education in Washington, DC, as the matching gift associate. He is living in Mayo, MD, just outside of Annapolis, with Joe D'Urso '96 and Phil McQuade '96. "If any alumni, especially Sigs, are out boating on the Bay, come pay us a visit — we are right on the water between South and West Rivers."

MOLLIE STORKE
is working as a school nurse for Cecil County Board of Education and got married on July 12, 1997.

ERIKA WILSON
is in Lithuania as a Peace Corps volunteer. She is teaching English in a secondary school and working with teachers to develop resources for their English programs. She would welcome any cards or letters addressed to her at: Traku Gatve 911, Room 201, Vilnius, 20001 Lithuania.

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DANICA HEATH
announces her engagement to Eric Johnson '98. The two plan to get married in the year 1999. Dani is working on her Ph.D. at University of Maryland at College Park, where she is also teaching. Eric is a psychology and sociology major at WC and president of the SGA.

THERESA SENN
was awarded the prestigious Morris Fellowship at Southern Illinois University's Carbondale campus this fall. She plans to complete a degree in clinical psychology so she can counsel children and their families. She hopes to work at a community mental health center's outpatient unit and conduct research on child abuse.

JENNIFER VOSS
is working in the office of Maryland Governor Parris Glendening.

We Learn A Lot From Our Students

BY GAIL LEWIS TUBBS

Every semester numbers of Washington College students climb the three long flights to the Writing Center in William Smith Hall to talk to me or one of the other tutorial instructors about writing—testing their physical condition and their ideas against the questions and responses of this engaged reader. It's not at all uncommon at the end of a conference for a student to observe ingenuously, "You must learn a lot in this job." And we smile—because we do. Though papers may vary in substance and accuracy, we are keenly aware that what occurs during a conference involves not a bestowal of knowledge on our part, but an exchange, in which the learning goes both ways.

Of course, because we work with students from all disciplines (at Washington College even calculus students use the Writing Center), we regularly encounter information that we may have forgotten or missed altogether. Chemistry and physics students painstakingly interpret their work for us, drawing diagrams of the Quantum Ladder, for example, and defining terms. Anthropology writers help us distinguish between a materialist and structuralist interpretation of ritual. Computer whizzes open a window on cyberspace technology, leading us outward on the World Wide Web, inspiring us to think seriously about electronic interaction as another avenue to writing development. Business majors advise us on where to invest all our money. We sometimes envision ourselves as the ultimate dinner guests, able to talk (widely, though not necessarily deeply) about almost any field of knowledge.

Through these exchanges with students in writing conferences, we have also gained new insights about how knowledge is constructed and a respect for the ways in which conversation generates and releases ideas—the back and forth questioning and explaining and rearticulating until what has seemed a hopelessly snarled set of thoughts suddenly reveals itself, straight and clear and true. This experience, played out again and again in conferences, reinforces Kenneth Bruffee's assertion in his essay *Collaborative Learning and the "Conversation of Mankind"* that "To think well as individuals we must learn to think well collectively—that is we must learn to converse well."

But perhaps the most heartening lessons we've learned have had to do with the nature of Washington College students, by extension, the next generation. By and large, those we see—a sizable percentage of the school's population— work hard, many of them balancing their academic work with helping themselves financially and maintaining an active extracurricular schedule. Increasingly we notice that they come armed with professional looking calendars, on which they have mapped out days that brook no sloth. If fitting in a writing conference means a fifteen-minute lunch, they take it in stride.

Even more encouraging in a world in which the average attention span seems to be on the wane is our conviction that WC students care about ideas. In our Writing Center, we enjoy the company of students who are idealistic, thoughtful, and committed to understanding the world in which they live. Whether writing about the children of Terazin, Hegel's historical view, or their own political socialization process, many of the students we see bring not only a commitment to fulfilling the letter of the assignment but a passion to realize its spirit, to enter the realm of ideas and join in the conversation. Out of this investment in their own thinking comes the will to "say it right," that is spell it, punctuate it, express it stylishly as well as correctly. It turns out that members of a generation associated in the minds of some with grunge and the ubiquitous response "whatever" actually care about detail—the finer points of rhetoric that, when respected, can make the reading easier and more rewarding.

So though we value the opportunity to read papers on a wide variety of topics, and we find pedagogical pleasure in the interaction of the conferences—the lesson we treasure most dearly is this: our students, along with the poet Marianne Moore, understand that "The mind is an enchanting thing" and agree that finding the words to carry its thoughts is a worthwhile and engaging endeavor.

...WE ARE KEENLY AWARE that what occurs during a conference involves not a bestowal of knowledge on our part, but an exchange, in which the learning goes both ways.

Gail Lewis Tubbs is a tutorial instructor in the Writing Center and a lecturer in the education department.

COLLEGE EVENTS

October 9 - 11
The Drama Department presents Ken Ludwig's "Lend Me A Tenor," directed by Michael S. Crews '98. Tawes Theatre, Gibson Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

October 18
Legacy Day, a celebration of Washington College families. See page 11 or call the Alumni Office for more information.

October 19
Join the QVC Network's live broadcast from our campus as part of their "the Quest for America's Best: QVC's 50 in 50 Tour." The series features "the best from the States" — in this case, Maryland-made products as well as tourism and economic development information. Be a part of the live audience in the Martha Washington Square (Tawes Theatre rain location), from 2–5 p.m.

October 23
Washington College Reunion in Cyberspace. Log on between noon and 1 p.m. and talk with President Toll, College officers, students and alumni during an electronic luncheon conversation. Access the Washington College Forum at http://www.washcoll.edu.

October 23-25
The Drama Department presents Marsha Norman's "Night Mother," directed by Stacey Gray '98. Tawes Theatre, Gibson Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

October 27
The Goldstein Program in Public Affairs presents "Reframing the Affirmative Action Debate," a talk by Lani Guinier, Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania. Hynson Lounge, 7:30 p.m.

October 31
"Sho'men Basketball Halloween Madness." Intersquad scrimmages, costume and b-ball contests for WC and Chestertown Community. 8:00 p.m. Cain Gymnasium.

November 1
Sho'men Club Bull Roast, Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center, 4-8 p.m. Tickets are $20 for adults, $15 for WC students and $10 for children. For reservations, call Lauren Halterman at 800-422-1782, ext. 7803 before October 20.

November 9
Washington College Chamber Orchestra Concert, Norman James Theatre, William Smith Hall, 4 p.m.

November 16
Washington College Concert Band Concert, Norman James Theatre, William Smith Hall, 4 p.m.

November 19
Washington College Student Recital, Norman James Theatre, William Smith Hall, 8 p.m.

November 23
Washington College Jazz Band Concert, Norman James Theatre, William Smith Hall, 4 p.m.

December 5 - 6
Renaissance Christmas Feast, Hynson Lounge, 7 p.m. For tickets call 410-778-7875.

December 12
Kent and Queen Anne's Alumni Chapter Holiday Party, Hynson-Ringgold House, 5:30 p.m.

Washington College Community Chorus Concert, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Chestertown, 8 p.m.

December 13
Alumni Council Meeting, Sophie Kerr Room, Miller Library, 10 a.m.

January 29
The Concert Series presents Douglas Webster, baritone, Tawes Theatre, Gibson Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m. Tickets available at the door.

If you would like to receive the College's monthly calendar of events, please contact the Special Events Coordinator at 1-800-422-1782, 7849. For information about athletic events, please contact the Sports Information Director at ext. 7238. Both the calendar and sports schedule are accessible on the College's web site at www.washcoll.edu.

February 7
The Concert Series presents violinist Joseph Lin, Tawes Theatre, Gibson Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m. Tickets available at the door.

February 20 - 21
Centennial Conference Men's and Women's Swimming Championships, TBA.

February 21
Washington's Birthday Weekend
Alumni Council Meeting, Sophie Kerr Room, Miller Library, 10 a.m.
Birthday Convocation, Tawes Theatre, Gibson Performing Arts Center, 2 p.m.
The 1998 George Washington's Birthday Ball, Benjamin A. Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center, 8 p.m. For ticket information, call 1-800-422-1782, ext. 7849.

February 25
Centennial Conference Men's and Women's Basketball Playoffs, TBA.

March 14
Washington College Men's Lacrosse v. Nazareth College, 12 noon, Homewood Field, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore Maryland, to be followed by Johns Hopkins University v. Syracuse University, 3 p.m.

April 4
Alumni Council Meeting

May 14 - 17
Reunion Weekend

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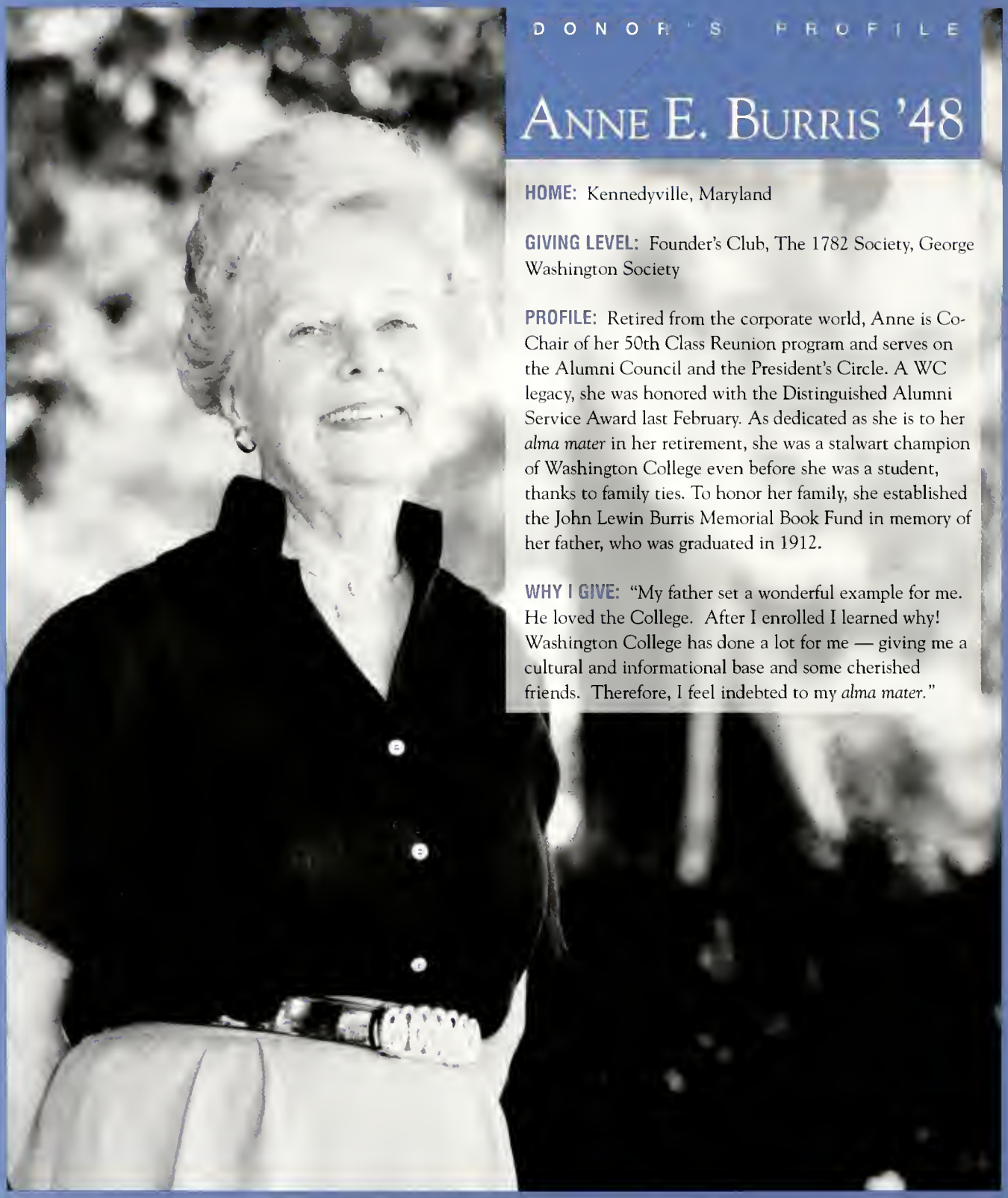

DONOR'S PROFILE

Anne E. Burris '48

HOME: Kennedyville, Maryland

GIVING LEVEL: Founder's Club, The 1782 Society, George Washington Society

PROFILE: Retired from the corporate world, Anne is Co-Chair of her 50th Class Reunion program and serves on the Alumni Council and the President's Circle. A WC legacy, she was honored with the Distinguished Alumni Service Award last February. As dedicated as she is to her *alma mater* in her retirement, she was a stalwart champion of Washington College even before she was a student, thanks to family ties. To honor her family, she established the John Lewin Burris Memorial Book Fund in memory of her father, who was graduated in 1912.

WHY I GIVE: "My father set a wonderful example for me. He loved the College. After I enrolled I learned why! Washington College has done a lot for me — giving me a cultural and informational base and some cherished friends. Therefore, I feel indebted to my *alma mater.*"